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Madison holds hearing on '25 budget, salaries

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Madison City Council on Monday held the second reading and public hearing on the city's budget ordinance for 2025, a nearly \$11 million adopted budget that is part of a \$15.1 million operating budget that balances tax dollars, grants, reserves and leverages TIF funding for continued investment in public safety, parks and other infrastructure.

The budget is about \$441,000 more than the city's 2024 budget and the proposed adopted tax rate will increase from 1.4109 to 1.4552. The General Fund will get

\$7,447,662 of the overall allocation while Parks & Recreation will be budgeted \$855,562 and highway repairs \$503,272 as Madison matches federal and state highway grants to embark on its next phase of a plan to redesign and resurface Main Street from Broadway Street to the top of Hanover Hill.

"The proposed 2025 budget represents the fifth straight balanced budget of my administration, that combined with grants, reserves, TIF funding, and some leverage, will allow us to continue our focus on investing in public safety, park improvements, streets and side-

walks, and other significant infrastructure improvements," Mayor Bob Courtney said after the meeting. "The operating budget, excluding city utility operations, for 2025, totals \$15.1 million. The core operating cost represents just a 4.2% increase over 2024 levels, which partially offsets the impact of inflation."

Courtney noted that one of the big changes in the 2025 budget is funding more city operations with user fees rather than tax dollars so that a bigger share of the cost for some services are paid by the users rather than property taxes. Part of that plan is to set fees that

not only cover the cost of services but also sets aside funding for maintenance and upgrades for when it comes time to replace aging equipment and facilities. He also noted that 2025 will be the first of three years of highway improvement projects on Main Street west from Broadway Street to Clifty Drive on the hilltop.

"We have gradually been able to move some city operations off the tax levy to their own funding sources," Courtney said. "Something new for 2025 is the implementation of a capital plan to begin the repairs and resurfacing of

the Main Street Corridor using a combination of funding sources. This will allow us to complete the next three phases of the project which is the top of Hanover Hill to Broadway Street by 2028. We will continue our robust community wide investment strategies while still providing superior services to our residents and doing so without increasing tax rates."

Courtney said while the budget is "relatively flat" and has not kept up with inflation there are still a number of investment initiatives.

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WEST STREET BRIDGE WORK



Bob Demaree

With concrete for the bridge deck already poured, RL Vuckson and Associates, the contractor on a \$567,803 West Street bridge replacement project in downtown Madison, worked Thursday on curbs, and sidewalks. The bridge spans Crooked Creek between Fifth Street and Michigan Road/Milton Street.

Soup Stew Chili Brew to fill Main Street with food and music on Saturday

BY BOB DEMAREE

Soup Stew Chili Brew has been a Madison tradition since 2003 and it's back this year for the 22nd time bringing music and food to Main Street from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

"It's the biggest festival that closes down Main Street," said Michaela Owens, a member of the board of directors of the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce that organizes the event.

The event was the idea of the late Jeff Garrett when he was executive director of the Chamber, and was held that first year on Oct. 25, 2003 on Main Street between Jefferson and West streets with about 30 booths.

Since then the festival, now always on the second Saturday in October, has grown to occupy two more blocks on Main Street between Jefferson and Broadway streets with 48 booths at this year's event plus a children's area and multiple music stages.

"It's a huge chili cookoff festival and people get excited," said Owens, of the opportunity to sample the various recipes of soup, stew, chili and brew. "People keep coming back for that event because they love it."

Music is a huge part of the event with performers appearing on three stages — Main and West streets, Main and Poplar streets and the main stage at Main and Mulberry streets.

Madison's Rusty Bladen is the headliner, performing on the main stage from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. with Lindsey Flannery on the main stage from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Performers at the stage at Main and West streets include Lonesome Crow from noon to 1 p.m., Kade Puckett from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Foxy from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Performers at the stage at Main and Poplar streets include Applegate & Rock from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., and Slow Gin from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

There is plenty of fun for children

at the Kids Zone, which will feature inflatables, face painting and more in the city parking lot on the north side of Main and Poplar streets. Wrist bands for the Kids Zone are \$10 each.

A stilt walker and juggler will also be working throughout the crowd.

Admission to Soup Stew Chili Brew is free. Food and drink purchases cost \$1 per ticket with the number of tickets required dictated by the size of serving. Cup sizes for soups, stews and chilis cost the same at each booth with 3 tickets (4 ounces), 4 tickets (6 ounces) and 5 tickets (8 ounces). Drink sizes and ticket costs are decided by the individual booths.

Judges will present awards for the best entry in four categories: Soup, Stew, Chili and Brew.

This year's event is being organized by the board of directors of the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce while the organization is

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CHARLIE'S BEAT



Charlie Rohlfing
BRADY EVAN MEENACH



Handout
ANTHONY RAY WRIGHT

Local musicians drop new original songs

I've done individual profiles on Anthony Ray Wright and Brady Evan Meenach in the past. But these two talented local area musicians have dropped some new music EPs, and I thought it would be a good time to catch up with them. (Note: If you ever want a solo career in country music, you'll need to include a good lyrical middle name.)

The term EP, by the way, for those who may not be familiar, means a sort of "short album" in music production parlance. Less than a full album of tunes, but more than just a single. In the case of Brady, his two-song EP is titled the "Sayani Sessions." And Anthony is releasing three new songs under the title "At The Quonset Hut."

Let's talk about Anthony's project first. "I was able to get three hours of time at the legendary Quonset Hut

recording studio in Nashville, and we recorded all three songs in one live session. The Quonset Hut is where just about all of the great country music was recorded back in the 50s and 60s. Johnny Cash, Tammy Wynette, George Jones. The last song recorded at The Hut was John Anderson's "Swingin'."



CHARLIE ROHLFING
CHARLIE'S BEAT

"The sound engineer knew I was into the history of the place, so he did some research and set up the studio exactly like Johnny Cash used to, from the placement of the instruments to the baffles to the microphones. Speaking of mics, we got to use the priceless vintage RCA collection from that era, including the holy grail of all microphones, the U-47 Neumann, that hasn't even been made since 1965."

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Columbus Day closings

BY THE COURIER STAFF

All city of Madison, town of Hanover and Jefferson County governmental offices will be closed Monday, Oct. 14, in observance of Columbus Day before reopening Tuesday.

For the city of Madison, the closings include the water office and transfer station.

In addition, trash, recycling and compost pickup

will be delayed by one day the week of Oct. 14.

U.S. Postal facilities will be closed for retail transactions on Monday. There will be no residential or business deliveries.

All Indiana license branches will be closed Saturday through Monday for the Columbus Day holiday. Branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours Tuesday.

OBITUARIES

Clifford Philip Sparks

Clifford Philip Sparks, age 74, of Milton, KY, entered this life on March 4, 1950, in Brooklyn, NY. He was raised in New York and graduated in 1968, from Calhoun High School in Merrick, NY. He then attended Kentucky Wesleyan in Owensboro, KY, and then Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington DC. On Jan. 4, 1975, he was united in marriage to Betty Allen Henry in Louisville, KY. This happy and blessed union of 49 years was blessed with daughters, Martha Louise and Mary Linda. Rev. Sparks was ordained in 1975, and pastored for the next 45 years. His appointments were Flintstone, Maryland, Twin Chapel in Auburn, KY, Christian Heights United Methodist in Hopkinsville, KY, Edmonton United Methodist in Edmonton, KY, Kerr Memorial United Methodist in Bowling Green, KY, Zion United Methodist in Louisville, and Clifton Height United Methodist, Stovall United Methodist in Radcliff, KY, Livermore United Methodist and Pleasant Hill in Livermore, KY, Hartford United Methodist in Hartford, KY, St. Mark United Methodist in Louisville, and Carrollton United Methodist in Carrollton, KY. He retired from Mt. Holly United Methodist in Fairdale, KY. He and Betty Allen retired to Milton, KY, and became members of Trinity United Methodist Church in Madison, IN. He had been an active



member of the Carrollton Rotary Club in Carrollton, KY. Cliff worked as a Kentucky State Traffic School instructor for 23 years. Rev. Sparks enjoyed model trains, cross-stitching, collecting lighthouses and Snoopy figurines, camping in the Smoky Mountains and traveling. He was an avid New York Yankees Fan and had been scouted by the Yankees in his high school years. He was the loving son of the late Clifford Joseph and Mildred L. Antz Sparks. Sparks died on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024, at his home in Milton, KY. Rev. Sparks will be missed by his loving daughters, Martha Louise Sparks and her husband, Joseph Todd Johnson of Cleves, OH. Mary Linda Sparks and her husband, Eric Vandersyde of Hardinsburg, KY; his grandchildren, Avery Sparks-Johnson, Elizabeth Sparks-Johnson, and Jacob Sparks-Johnson; his father in law, Rev. George Edward Henry of Louisville, KY; his sister, Linda Reed and her husband, William of North Port, NY; his brother in law, G. Edward

Henry, II, and his wife, Gerri of Lexington, KY, Timothy Mark Henry of Louisville, KY, Phillip Victor Henry and his wife, Maire of Georgetown, KY; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Clifford Joseph Sparks; his mother, Mildred Louise Antz Sparks; his beloved wife of 49 years, Betty Allen Henry Sparks, and his mother in law, Martha Belle Ammerman Henry, died February 1, 2016. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, at 4 p.m., by Rev. Dr. Doug Walker at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 412 West Main Street in downtown Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Fairmount Cemetery in Madison, IN. Friends may visit Friday from 4 — 7 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN, and Saturday from 3 p.m. until the time of service at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 412 West Main Street in downtown Madison, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church or the Kentucky Wesleyan College. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Roy Evans, Jr.

Roy Evans, Jr., age 77, of Ypsilanti, MI, entered this life on Oct. 19, 1946, in Seymour, IN. He was the loving son of the late Roy, Sr., and Elsie Everhart Evans. He was raised early in life in North Vernon and the family. Roy died on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 7:01 a.m. at the Norton King's Daughters' Hospital Emergency Room in Madison, IN. Roy will be missed by his loving wife of 49 years, Deborah Jeanne Mullett Evans of Ypsilanti, MI; his daughter, Carrie Evans of Ypsilanti, MI; his mother in law, Thelma Mullett of

Hanover, IN; his brothers in laws, Russell Mullett and his wife, Lisa of Paxton, IL, Keith Mullett and Stephanie Carpenter of Englewood, CO; and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Roy Evans, Sr., his mother, Elsie Everhart Evans Goins, his father in law, Fred Mullett, his brother, Tom Evans, and his sister in law, Donna Clark. A memorial service will be conducted on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, at 1 p.m. conducted by Pastor Luke Richards at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North

Gate Road in Madison, IN. Interment will occur in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, IN, with military honors provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association or the Alzheimer's Association. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

William John Higgins

William John Higgins, age 78, of Bedford, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. Born March 15, 1946 in Corbin, Kentucky, he was the son of John M. and Lillian (Hart) Higgins. His surviving family includes his wife, the former Gwen Sibley, to whom he was married on Aug. 9, 1969, at Sulphur United Methodist

Church; one daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Eric Cornett of Prospect, KY; one brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Leslee Higgins of Statesboro, GA; one sister-in-law, Deborah Higgins of Florida; two grandchildren: Katelyn Cornett and Coleman Cornett; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his mother-in-law and father-in-law: Mr. and Mrs.

Coleman Sibley; and four brothers: Tommy, Larry, David and Bobby Higgins. The Reverend Mark Payton will conduct memorial services at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, at Bedford Baptist Church. The family will receive friends from 9 a.m. until the time of services on Saturday at the church. Ransdell Funeral Home, Bedford, is in charge of the arrangements.

DEATH NOTICES

Donna Marlene Webster Bush, 75, of Bear Branch, IN, died Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024, at her home in Bear Branch. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, with interment in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison, IN, www.haskell-landmorrison.com. **Timothy Harold**

Copeland, 64, of Madison, IN, died Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024, at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com. **Billy Ellis Searcy, 81**, Carrollton, KY, died Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, in Louisville. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, at the

Carrollton Cemetery. Arrangements by Graham-Dunn Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.grahamdunnfh.com. **Diana Sue Hess Smith, 72**, of Madison, IN, died Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024, at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

LODGINGS

October 8, 2024

Barton F. Fletcher, 65, Hanover, for Operating a Motorboat While Intoxicated, a Level 6 felony. No bond. Kevin Michael Fox, 31, Madison, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. Bond \$250,00 cash.

Kimberly Dawn Smitha, 42, Bedford, Kentucky, on a warrant for probation violation (criminal trespass). Bond \$2,500 cash. Ryan Douglas Ward, 41, Madison, on a warrant for failure to appear (drug charges). Bond \$5,000 cash.

October 9, 2024

Lillian Kay Fulton, 18, Madison, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. Bond \$3,000 cash.

October 10, 2024

Joanna Marie Blevins, 41,

Madison, on a Jefferson County warrant for probation violation (drug and nuisance charges). Bond \$5,000 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS

October 7, 2024

Miranda Lynn Mercurio, 32, Hanover, probation violation (Dealing in Methamphetamine,

a Level 3 felony). Court revokes 4 years and 320 days suspended sentence to run consecutive to probation violation (Dealing in Methamphetamine, Level 4 felony-2 counts) for a total sentence of 9 years and 320 days at Indiana Department of Correction. Romaro Leon Cedric, 27, Indianapolis, to an amended charge of Unlawful Possession of Legend Drug and Domestic Battery, both Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction on each count, or 218 days jail served and 147 days suspended and placed on supervised probation for 512 days plus \$439 in fees and court costs and No Contact Order to remains in effect as a term of probation. James Michael William Ford, 20, Madison, Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C

misdeemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail, all suspended to non-reporting probation consecutive to 122 days jail, with credit for 2 days served, and 120 days suspended to non-reporting probation for Possession of Marijuana plus \$389 in fees and court costs. John David McLaughlin, 35, Madison, for Leaving the Scene of Accident, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to 365 days probation plus \$289.50 in fees and c court costs. Felecia Dawn Jenkins, 39, North Vernon, Indiana, for Theft, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 180 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended to non-reporting probation plus \$189 in fees and court costs.

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Anthony James Wilbur Reed, 36, Madison, to an amended charge of False Informing,

a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$289 in fees and court costs. Carrie Carla James, 51, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Marijuana, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 12 days served and 168 days suspended to non-reporting probation plus \$689 in fees and curt costs. Barton Frank Fletcher, 65, Hanover, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 910 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 4 days jail served plus \$389.50 in fees and court costs. Anthony James Wilbur Reed, 36, Madison, for False Informing, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

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WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:46 a.m.
Sunset: 7:10 p.m.
Temperature: High 73, Low 40, Mean 56.5, Deficit 2.6
Precipitation since last published: 0
Precipitation, October 2024: .08
Precipitation, 2024: 34.57

Barometer: 30.05, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 421.80, Steady
Forecast: Saturday: Partly cloudy High 80/ Low 58; Sunday: Partly cloudy High 80/ Low 43; Monday: Partly cloudy High 60/ Low 35; Tuesday: Mostly sunny High 57/ Low 33.

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

OCTOBER 12

Lori Hedges
Shirley Klopfer

OCTOBER 13

Donovan Estridge

OCTOBER 16

Greg Gosman
Beth Knox
Brett Roberts
Beth Eades Skirvin

OCTOBER 17

Devin Rowe
Carson Roark

OCTOBER 20

Anna Berry
Laura Schafer
Bill Sullivan

LOTTERY

INDIANA

Hoosier Lotto: 5-6-20-34-42-46 (10/9). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$24.9 million. Next Drawing (10/12).

Cash Five: 2-4-6-29-42 (10/9)

Cash 4 Life: 7-12-21-44-47 CB: 3 (10/9)

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 1-3-7-19 CB 1 (10/9)

Kentucky 5 Extra: 4-7-22-37-38 (10/9)

Lucky For Life: 11-15-31-36-45 LB: 2 (10/9)

MEGAMILLIONS: 3-19-20-22-66 MB: 9, MP 3 (10/8).

Next Jackpot: \$150 million. Next Drawing (10/11)

POWERBALL: 25-32-43-53-66 PB: 10, PP 3 (10/9). Next

Estimated Jackpot: \$364 million. Next Drawing (10/12)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 43-14-29-33-59 PB: 17 (10/9). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (10/12)

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW IF YOU ARE ON MEDICARE



The annual election period for Part D and C plans is **October 15th to December 7th**. It is always a good idea to have your coverage reviewed. Make sure you have a complete understanding of how your coverage works.

Call your local friendly agent at 812-273-1187



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Suite C, Madison, IN

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OBITUARIES

Bruce Allen Cooper

Bruce Allen Cooper, age 55, of Commiskey, IN, entered this life on July 13, 1969, in Madison, IN. He was the loving son of Bruce Cecil Wilson and Betsy Ann Briner Cooper. He resided all of his life in Jefferson County and was a 1988, graduate of Madison Consolidated High School. He attended Ivy Tech for welding. He worked for a time for the Southwestern Elementary School as a janitor and for Arvin Sango. On July 2, 2003, he was united in marriage to Julie Maddox in Carrollton, KY. They enjoyed 16 years of marriage together. For the past six years, he enjoyed being a handy man and a mechanic. He was a loving son, brother, stepdad, papaw, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend. Bruce died on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024, at his home near Commiskey, IN.

Bruce will be missed by his loving stepchildren, Daniel Brim and Jessica Brim of Madison, IN; his granddaughters, Haley Huffman of Florence, KY, Ann Wise of Madison, IN, Allie Weaver of Madison, IN; his mother and stepfather, Betsy Ann Briner Cooper Anderson and her husband, Charles of Memphis, IN; his brother, William Cooper and his wife, Brooke of Nebraska City, NA; his sisters, Edy Hartung and her husband, Darrell of Commiskey, IN, Crystal Weaver and her husband, J.R. of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews,



aunts, uncles, cousins, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Bruce Cecil Wilson Cooper; his paternal grandparents, Robert Mason Cooper, and Bessie A. Parsons Cooper; his maternal grandparents, William I. Briner, and Edy the Faye Gillespie Briner.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, Oct. 11, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Rev. John Tingle at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Dupont Cemetery in Dupont, IN.

Friends may visit Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024, from 4 — 7 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 11, 2024, from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bruce A. Cooper Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Stacey Lynn (Schaum) Banta

Stacey Lynn (Schaum) Banta, age 54, of Madison, IN, was born on Oct. 22, 1969, in Willingboro, NJ. She was a devoted daughter to Carl George Schaum, who preceded her in death, and Barbara Jean (Archer) Schaum of Madison, IN. Stacey passed away at 12:27 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024 at Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville, KY.

Stacey is survived by her husband, Casey Ray Banta of Madison, IN; her children, James Robert Cox and his wife, Lydia of Madison, IN, Megan R. Banta of Louisville, KY, Alexia R. Banta of Indianapolis, IN, and Sydnie R. Banta of Madison, IN; her mother, Barbara Jean (Archer) Schaum of Madison, IN; her brother, C. Wade Schaum of Madison, IN; her father-in-law, Kenton “Casey” Banta of Vevay, IN; her sister-in-law, Dawn Banta

of Moorefield, IN; her brother-in-law, Robert Banta of Indianapolis, IN, and her nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Carl George Schaum; her parental-grandparents, George W. and Kathleen C. (Lacy) Schaum; her maternal-grandparents, Everett and Magaleen (Kellams) Archer and her mother-in-law, Barbara Ann (Belch) Banta.

Visitation will be held from 2 — 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN, 47250.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Turtle Hospital, 2396 Overseas Hwy, Marathon, FL. 33050-2232. Cards are available at the funeral homes or online at www.haskellandmorrison.com and www.morgan-nay.com.

Juan Urieta Jr.

Juan Urieta Jr., age 33, of Charlestown, IN, the son of Juan Urieta, Sr. and Tammy (Chastain) Lopez, was born on March 28, 1991, in New Albany, IN. Mr. Urieta passed away on Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024, at his residence in Charlestown.

His life will be cherished by his son: Brayden Urieta; his father, Juan Urieta, Sr. of Madison, IN; his mother, Tammy Lopez of Charlestown; his sisters: Anna Chastain of New Albany, IN, Adriana Lopez of New Albany, and Lucia Lopez of Henryville, IN; his brother: Adam Urieta of Madison; and his nieces and nephews: Lanna Courtney, Lydia Courtney, Larry Courtney, Jr., Linkin Courtney, and

Abel Urieta. He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Carol Chastain, Victoria Perez, and Tony Urieta Chavez.

Pastor Scott Kollmann conducted funeral services at 2 p.m. on Thursday Oct. 10, 2024, at Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, on Madison’s hilltop with interment that followed in Fairmount Cemetery in Madison. Friends and family could visit at the Lytle Welty Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, Vail Chapel from 12 until the time of the service on Thursday.

The family requests memorial contributions can be made to the Juan Urieta, Jr. Memorial Fund. Contributions may be made at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home or below.

Mary Margaret Ringwald Stockdale

Mary Margaret Ringwald Stockdale, age 81, of Hanover, IN, entered this life on March 20, 1943, in Madison, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late John Norbert, Sr. and Helen Marie Hertz Ringwald. She was raised in Jefferson County and raised in the St. Patrick Catholic Church. She was a 1961 graduate of Shawe Memorial High School in Madison, Indiana. On June 24, 1965, she was united in marriage at the St. Patrick Catholic Church to Ronald Philip Stockdale. This happy union of 59 years was blessed with four children, Karen, Beverly, Rick, and Donna. She was a beloved wife, devoted mom and grandma and enjoyed raising her children. She worked for Rex-Chain Belt for a time and then in the special services unit at Southwestern School Corporation. She last worked with the Jefferson County Courthouse Records Office under Betty Brawner. She enjoyed participating on the ladies funeral committee at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church where she was a faithful member. She was an avid IU Basketball fan, enjoyed puzzles, reading, watching Big Ten Basketball, watching the hummingbirds, playing cards, working in her flowers, and caring for her grandchildren. Mary died on Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, at 12:29 p.m. at the Norton King’s Daughters’ Hospital in Madison, IN.

Mary will be missed by her loving husband of 59 years, Ronald Philip Stockdale of Hanover, IN; her daughters, Karen Durbin and her husband, Richard of Greenville, IN, Beverly Stockdale of Indianapolis, IN, Donna Birchfield and her husband, Charles of Charlestown, IN; her son, Richard “Rick” Stockdale and his wife, Jodi of Lexington, IN; her grandchildren, Jonathan,



Jackson, William, Walker, and Allison; her brother, Patrick Ringwald and his wife, Brenda of AL; her sister in law, Velma Ringwald of AL; his sister in law, Brenda Stockdale Zimmerman and her husband, Dick of Georgia; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, John Norbert Ringwald, Sr.; her mother, Helen Marie Hertz Ringwald; her sister, Frances Ann Ringwald; her brother, John Norbert Ringwald, Jr.

Funeral Mass will be conducted Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Father Christopher A. Craig at the St. Patrick Catholic Chapel, 305 West State Street in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the St. Patrick Cemetery, 305 West State Street in Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Friday, Oct. 11, 2024, from 4 — 7 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

The Rosary will be prayed on Friday, Oct. 11, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Patrick Catholic Chapel Restoration Fund or the Southwestern FFA Chapter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Charolette Wanda Sue Bear Hyden Carlisle

Charolette Wanda Sue Bear Hyden Carlisle, age 90, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Sept. 19, 1934, in Switzerland County, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late Calvin J. and Mary Elizabeth Fox Bear. Charolette died on Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, at 4:38 p.m., at the Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville, KY.

Charolette will be missed by her loving daughter, Brenda Charlene Adams of Madison, IN; her loving son, Donald Hyden of Madison, IN; her step sons, William Edward “Eddie” Carlisle of Madison, IN, Dwight Eugene “Tex” Carlisle and his wife, Cindy; her step daughters, Diane Christine Hamm of Madison, IN, Kim Annette Finney of Madison, IN; her son in law, Kenny Massie of North Vernon, IN; 14-grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren,-several great great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Calvin John Bear; her mother, Mary Elizabeth Fox Bear; her beloved husband of 59 years, Freddie Gorman Carlisle; her step son, Gorman L. Carlisle; her

son, Charles William Hyden; her daughter, Linda Sue Massie; her daughter, Norma Jean Carlisle; her daughter-in-law, Kathy Hyden; her grandsons, Henry Martin Finney, John Lee Hayes, Sr.; her granddaughters, Chelsea Breedon, Amanda Hendrix, Brooke Charolette Wanda Sue Walters; her brothers, Lowry Ray Bear, and James J. Bear; his sister, Barbara J. Bear Dunlap.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, Oct.14, 2024, at 1 p.m. by Pastor David Leland at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Grandview Memorial Gardens, 9306 North U.S. 421 near Madison.

Friends may visit Monday, Oct. 14, 2024, from 11 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charolette Carlisle Remembrance Fund or the Dupont Cemetery Association. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Thelma J. Russell Mullett

Thelma J. Russell Mullett, age 91, of Hanover, IN, entered this life on Aug. 13,1932, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. The daughter of the late Paul and Ruth Steele Russell. She resided her early life in Oskaloosa and later graduated from Rolla, Missouri high school. She then attended and graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in social work. Thelma was united in marriage to Frederic Mullett on July 13,1953, in Oskaloosa. This happy union of nearly 49 years was blessed with four children. Thelma was active in the Hanover United Methodist Church and in a variety of community activities for the past 60 years. After her children were in school she substitute taught at the Southwestern Elementary School in Hanover, IN. She was generous with her time and resources, kind and supportive of others, and touched the lives of countless people. Family and friends speak fondly of her spunk, her humor, and her outspokenness. Her home was always the center of family activity with frequent family gatherings. Thelma died peacefully on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 2 p.m., at her home in Hanover, IN, with family by her side.

Thelma will be missed by her loving daughter, Deborah Jeanne Mullett Evans of Ypsilanti, MI; her loving sons, Russell Mullett and his wife Lisa of Paxton, Illinois, Keith Mullett and Stephanie Carpenter of Englewood, CO; her loving son in law, Robert Clark of Scottsburg, IN; her grandchildren, Carrie Evans, Daniel Clark, Ryan Mullett,



Nick Mullett, Jessica Clark, Elizabeth Mullett, Nate Mullett, and Christopher Mullett; her great grandchildren, Jonathon, Adrianna, Aiden, Finn, CJ, Jaxton, and Fred; her brother, George Russell and his wife, Anita of Goleta, CA; and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Paul Russell, her mother, Ruth Steele Russell, her husband of 49 years, Fred Mullett, died February 22, 2002, her daughter, Donna Mullett Clark, her son in law, Roy Evans, Jr..

Memorial services will be conducted Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024, at 2 p.m., by Pastor Luke Richards at the Hanover United Methodist Church, 220 East LaGrange Road in Hanover, IN. Interment will follow in the Hanover Cemetery, Logan Point Drive in Hanover, IN,

Friends may visit Sunday, Oct.13, 2024, from 1 — 2 p.m. at the Hanover United Methodist Church, 220 East LaGrange Road in Hanover, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hanover United Methodist Church or the Amedisys Hospice. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

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Demolition permit issued for Hanover house Indiana Landmarks seeks to save

BY BOB DEMAREE
A Hanover College fraternity on Tuesday was granted permission to demolish an 1800s house at 119 Madison Avenue even as Indiana Landmarks is making an effort to save the structure.

The issue came before the town council over the last month when Chi Chapter House Corporation Inc., a nonprofit for Hanover College's Sigma Chi fraternity, submitted an application for demolition.

On Monday, representatives of the fraternity and their attorney met with Hanover Town Council and their attorney to discuss the proposal. Town attorney Devon Sharpe promised a response on the demolition permit by Wednesday, and it was granted Tuesday morning by Scott Williams, the town's building inspector.

Town council member Treva Shelton informed representatives of Chi Chapter House Corporation Inc. and their attorney Alex Gaddis that the demolition permit had been approved and available for pickup at town hall.

Greg Sekula, director of the southern office of Indiana Landmarks, said he has been inside the house and stated, "We believe it is salvageable. It is a significant property that needs to remain a house."

Sekula said on Thursday morning he has contacted Chi Chapter House Corporation and Indiana Landmarks has been given 60 to 75 days to come up with an alternative plan, which he suggested could either be to move the house or involve a land swap. "We're grateful that even though they have the demolition permit that they are willing to work with us for a reasonable period to come up with a solution."

Sekula expressed the importance of preserving the house, noting "Hanover does not have an unlimited supply of historic homes remaining," and it is critical to save the house at 119 Madison Avenue in which he stated records have been found that it was constructed in 1878.

Chi Chapter House Corporation Inc. has been interested in the house ever since it first went on the market by Betty Demaree and sold in May 2022. The house had been owned by her parents, Bob and Lucile Millican, since the 1940s.

Because Demaree was aware of the fraternity's interest in demolishing the house, which she opposed, she sold it for \$80,000 to Johanna Coble, whom she

thought would preserve the structure. Two years later Coble sold the house to the fraternity for \$119,000 on May 15, leading to the current application for a demolition permit.

At Monday's meeting, Nate Kremer-Herman, president of Chi Chapter, listened by phone, and spoke via speakerphone as it concluded, "Our mission as Chi Chapter House Corporation is to be that responsible alumni wing of the Sigma Chi chapter on Hanover's campus, and part of that is being good stewards for our neighbors as well. What we're trying to do here, we think is a win-win for the community, for the alumni Sigs, the active Sigs, and for Hanover College. In my mind there are multiple avenues forward ... We've given you the use case that we're trying to do, and that means the structure that is currently on that property is not fit for use for our proposed usage. Our first step is the demo permit and see where that goes before we want to move on to other alternatives."

Kremer-Herman's comments that the 1800s house "is not fit use for our proposed usage" is slightly different than the case made by Alex Gaddis, attorney with the firm Stoll Keenon Ogden, who said at Monday's meeting that the reason the house should be demolished was its poor condition.

However, Sekula noted that Indiana Landmarks is familiar with hearing those claims in his work, and stated the house at 119 Madison Avenue is one that is still in good condition.

Indiana Landmarks was recently actively involved in saving another historic house in Hanover at 263 East Main Street, that just two years ago had a collapsing front porch with algae and mold. Because of its poor condition at the time of purchase, Indiana Landmarks bought it March 29, 2022, for \$18,000, then sold it to Tyler Renovations LLC for \$24,000, which is moving forward in completely rehabilitating the house.

Chris Barbera, a Hanover College alum who is secretary of Chi Chapter House Corporation Inc., said the fraternity is considering using the land to recreate the Tower House that was on the Hanover College campus until it was destroyed in a 1974 tornado that caused destruction in Hanover and Madison's hilltop. "One of the ideas we're spitballing right now is to rebuild that structure

on the outside so it would still be fitting with a nice bold historic theme for the town."

Sigma Chi fraternity was chartered at Hanover College on May 30, 1871, and celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2021. In 1890, the chapter procured the first house designed and constructed to be a chapter house by the Sigma Chi fraternity. "It was a gorgeous building" and reflects on Sigma Chi history in which there is now a plaque on the Hanover College campus where the building once stood.

Barbera said the new structure would not house current students. "They are not going to be having student parties," he said. "We want to be good neighbors. There won't be a lot of drunk college students running around there ... I think it's important to stress that it's not that ... I can assure you that we're committed to being good neighbors."

He said the new structure would have bedrooms for Sigma Chi alumni to stay in when they are visiting Hanover College.

"It's not going to change the dynamic of the area at all," said Gaddis, adding "the amount of traffic that's going to go in and out of that is indistinguishable from what you see today going in and out of that property."

Gaddis said, "I have a hard time imagining how the actual proposed use would negatively impact any aspect of life in this town. I think it would only improve the neighborhood."

Town council member Jane Stormer told about a conversation she had with Betty Demaree, who grew up in the house, which often boarded Hanover College fraternity students. "I just wanted to share that as an additional interesting segment of this story," she said, citing the possibility that past Sigma Chi fraternity members may have resided there which would make the house a part of Sigma Chi history.

Andy Bernert, alumni relations director for Chi Chapter House Corporation Inc., "We don't have a solid time frame" on the construction of a new structure for the fraternity, noting that decisions will also be based on fundraising which they hope to have completed by next summer. "Within the next two to three years we would hope to be completely finished" with a new structure built. "That's my goal. Goals don't always get met."

Crystal Beach 'close to breaking even' after reopening this summer

BY BOB DEMAREE
With Crystal Beach back in operation this year after being closed for two summers during a \$10 rebuild, Madison Parks Director Scott Klein told the parks board at Monday's meeting that he was pleased with the outcome.

"Overall at Crystal Beach it was a very good year," he said. "We came very close to breaking even, which is very exciting. I know we have some work to do on managing our labor costs, which was our biggest expense by far," but Klein said he already has "ideas how to do that."

The \$10 million refurbishment of Crystal Beach Aquatic Park was completed in May with pool re-opening May 26 and closing on Labor Day, Sept. 2.

For the summer, income was \$300,433.25 and expenses were \$352,790.47 — a loss of \$52,357.22. However, Klein said those expenses included some costs that are non-repeatable.

"Crystal Beach had expenses with the opening that should have been part of the construction but weren't, so we absorbed those on the operating side." Those costs amounted to \$46,800 for installation of WiFi, electrical costs for the concession stand, plumbing costs, janitorial supplies and equipment for the concession stand. By subtracting those non-repeatable costs, the net operation loss would have been \$5,557.22.

Klein also noted that this year's chemicals were pre-purchased and

there is \$25,000 worth of inventory that will be available for next year. Last year, he said there were four to five deliveries of chemicals throughout the year in which freight for that was \$1,500 to \$1,700 for a total cost of \$8,500. "I have already pre-ordered all our chemicals for next year for one delivery. That should get us through the whole year so we shouldn't have all those freight charges."

However, Klein said costs not included in this year's calculations are electricity and water that will factor in next year's totals. Because the contractor was still doing work through May, "I didn't know how much was us and how much was the contractor," he said, noting that also involves separating out the pool, Frank Baldwin Hunter Hall and the concession stand. "Next year, we'll capture that part of the operation."

Concessions were very good for the summer. Expenses were approximately \$44,000 with \$80,000 in sales. "Food costs for concessions were just north of 50%," said Klein, noting that's what is typically hoped to be achieved in food sales.

Klein also provided data for Crystal Beach from when it stayed open on the first day for school on Aug. 7 through Labor Day.

In years prior to the pool refurbishment, Crystal Beach has closed in conjunction with the beginning of the school year. This summer it stayed open through Labor Day with

adults filling lifeguard duties after the student lifeguards returned to classes.

Klein characterized those adults as the "gray watch." He said "a lot want to come back and work full-time next summer which I think is really important for the pool and for the atmosphere" to have those adults helping at the pool. "It's a real important thing and I am so thankful for it."

On weekdays from Aug. 7-Sept. 2, Klein said there were 1,831 people with revenue at \$9,827 while personnel costs were \$17,955 — a loss of \$8,827. On weekdays during that time period there were 2,203 people with revenue at \$12,768 while labor costs were \$17,046 — a loss of \$4,278. Concessions were open only on weekends and on Labor Day with revenue of \$7,926, expenses of \$2,239 and a profit of \$5,686.

Overall, during those weeks after school opened, the revenue total was \$31,826 and labor costs were \$37,241 for loss of \$5,415. "We can clean up our personnel costs during that time and be much more closer to breaking even by staying open during August," said Klein.

Board member Jake Shockley said he felt the numbers are close enough that the pool should again stay open in August in the future. "I think if we are breaking even, even if just by a little bit, where we are close, I wouldn't want to take away a service to the community. I think it would be worth it."



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True makes case for safety boat while Council balks at cost

BY BOB DEMAREE

Data supporting the need for a safety boat for Jefferson County was presented to the County Council at its meeting Tuesday, even as Council members remain concerned about the potential cost of that proposal.

Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency Director Matt True presented records from from county dispatch that since 2019 there have been 20 cars in water (one with confirmed entrapment), 19 calls for boater assistance and 18 jumpers that needed rescue.

“Nobody else is shocked by those numbers more than I am,” said True, noting they are much higher than he had anticipated.

With 13 miles of Ohio River coast in Jefferson County, True said there have been “prominent boat people in town” report they have seen “multiple people stranded,” adding “there’s a lot uncaptured information that we just don’t know.” True brought up the need for an emergency water craft in August to both the County Commissioners and County Council, and council member Dwayne May said knowing that data is helpful to him. “Those are the challenges we talked about. We wanted to know the need.” Still, May said he was concerned about the cost of the boat True has proposed — a DGS Pro boat with a price tag of \$279,000. He called it a “considerable price tag ... We were concerned about the price tag. Could we find a boat cheaper?”

Council member Chris Shelton suggested a rescue boat from Rock Proof Boats at a cost of \$45,000 that’s fully rigged with a 300 horsepower Rodax engine that can exceed 45 mph. He estimated that boat will actually be “closer to \$70,000” once it’s fully equipped but the other boat is “still \$200,000 on the back side of this.”

“Personally, not speaking for the council, I can’t get behind a Ferrari when a Civic will get us what we need,

from a dollars and cents perspective,” Shelton said.

“I appreciate where your heart is at on this,” May told True. “I know we all are concerned about public safety” but “what we would like to have and what we can afford are two different things. I’d like to have 10 new cruisers and 10 new sheriff deputies, and a dozen professional firefighters, but can we afford it?”

However, May added: “I do believe we need some kind a pubic safety boat but I like Chris’s number a lot more than pushing 300 grand. It’s the cost of the boat where I’m getting tripped up, personally.”

True agreed that the proposed boat is “a lot of money” but said in contacting others who have invested in public safety boats, the advice that he as received is that the DGS Pro boat would be the best choice and the best long term investment. He said he’s been told that it’s better to have a boat with two engines for maneuvering against river current. “Having two engines is something important.” True noted that Jefferson County has a significant boating population and there are several groups who have fishing tournaments on the Ohio River. “We have a lot of people who spend a lot more time on the water than what we know.”

Additionally, he cited American Cruise Lines that has committed to bring its riverboats to Madison, and the tourism that the Ohio River provides for Jefferson County. “We are the largest port between Louisville and Cincinnati, and we host the second largest event” with the Madison Regatta, only surpassed by Thunder over Louisville.

True said there are rescue boats in Clark County, Trimble County and Switzerland County, but none in Jefferson County. He said if assistance from the other counties is needed the response time would be delayed for anything on the water near Jefferson County.

The city of Madison has \$100,000

appropriated from its American Rescue Plan funds towards purchase of a safety boat. Council President Heather Foy said she has “taken some calls from citizens voicing for and against” the purchase of a safety boat. “The cost of the boat is something we don’t have sitting in the budget right now. The money is not there,” and suggested brainstorming on where potential funding might come. True said he has so far been unsuccessful in finding grant funding for a safety boat. “I have looked long and hard and wide, and near. I can’t find something boat specific.”

True also presented potential costs on the county once a boat is purchased, estimating insurance, fuel and maintenance would each be \$1,000 per year — a total of \$3,000.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

- A public hearing on the county’s 2025 budget was scheduled for the meeting but delayed due to the cumulative voting inadvertently left off the advertised budget. County Auditor Heather Huff said the budget includes a 4% pay increase for county employees. The public hearing for the budget has now been scheduled for Monday, Oct. 21 at 5 p.m.

- Approved an appropriation of \$65,465 for jail contracts that weren’t included in the 2024 budget due to the fact they weren’t known at the time the budget was adopted last year. Inmates moved into the new Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office and Criminal Justice Center in January of this year. The funds are coming from American Rescue Plan monies.

- Approved \$15,000 to purchase printers for voting machines from the cumulative voting fund.

- Approved a reduction of \$130,000 in the cumulative bridge fund. Huff said the funds were appropriated for 2024 but will not be used by the end of the year, allowing those funds to be available for the 2025 budget.

SONGS

FROM **PAGE A1**

“We did two original songs for the EP. One that I wrote called ‘Mr. Lonesome.’ One that Jerry Girton wrote called ‘Looking for a Beer to Cry In.’ And then we just kind of winged it on a third Johnny Cash song called ‘I Still Miss Someone,’ which was recorded in 1958 in that very Quonset Hut studio. It turned out great!

“The other band members were Andy Gibson on steel, Jerry Girton on guitar, Chris Girton on piano, Charles Alley on drums and Scott Hinds on bass. The EP is available for streaming now on all the platforms. Just search Anthony Wright Quonset Hut and you’ll find it.”

Brady Evan Meenach lives over in Georgetown, Indiana, but he plays around Madison from time to time. He’s also playing a lot with his band in New Albany, Jeffersonville, Louisville, Bardstown, and even as far south as Bowling Green.

“For this EP project we went down to Murfreesboro, Tennessee, where they have a very strong music production program at the university there. We booked four hours of studio time to lay down the two songs, and it

worked out great.

“The first song I call ‘Religion,’ and it tells about a time when I was working on a goat farm, doing lots of Saturday gigs at bars, and then playing music in church on Sunday. The church elders did not approve, but it gave me the basis for a good song, I believe. Plus I got to play accordion on that one!

“The second song is called ‘Chains,’ and I tried to write it in the style of Jason Isbell. It’s about the relationships that tie people together, and how those bonds can be strained sometimes. It’s a heavier song than I usually do, but people have really responded to it.”

If you’d like to listen to Brady’s songs just search “Brady Evan Sayani Sessions” and you’ll find it on all the streaming platforms.

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

A whole bunch of things jump out at me on this weekend’s calendar. The Beecamp Bottom Boys have a huge following for their regular Wednesday shows at the Lighthouse floating restaurant, but the weather is getting cooler and this week may be one of the last for the season.

On Thursday I’m seeing a familiar name I haven’t seen for years around town. Ryder McQueen is playing at First Street Saloon. Welcome back Ryder!

SEE **SONGS/PAGE A8**

RECORD

FROM **PAGE A2**

Carlos Alejandro Gomez-Sanchez, 19, Hanover, to amended charges of Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail consecutive to 60 days jail with credit for 6 days served and 234 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$789 in fees and court costs.

Daniel M. Barnes, 42, La Grange, Kentucky, to an amended charge of Intimidation, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 154 days served and 576 days suspended to supervised probation consecutive to a parole violation for a combined 582 days probation (invasion of privacy and domestic battery) plus \$589 in fees and court costs.

Andrew Martin Fitzgerald, 44, Madison, for Operating Vehicle as Habitual Traffic Violator, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 2 days, jail served and 728 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$589.50 in fees and court costs.

James D. Huff, 36, Madison, for Neglect of Dependent, a

Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 128 days served and balance suspended to 559 days supervised probation plus \$589 in fees and court costs.

Casey Al-Hechami, 25, Madison, for Theft, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 126 days jail served plus \$389 in fees and court costs and restitution in amount of \$199 to Emily Strait.

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William N. McCubbin (trustee) and William N. McCubbin Revocable Trust to WFG Properties LLC, approximately 17 acres at 950+ and 1020+ U.S. 421, Madison.

Sherry K. Gerth (trustee), Mark A. and Sherry Gerth Living Trust and Mark A. Gerth and Sherry K. Gerth (living trusts) to Sherry K. Gerth, 1938 Wells Drive, Madison.

Darrell L. Smith and Michelle

C. Smith to Deron T. Smith and Janelle N. Smith, 3500+ North Greenbrier Road, Madison.

Elaina Freeman to MPP Rentals LLC, 921 West First Street, Madison.

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Cornerstone Society Inc. to H4 Rentals LLC, 815 and 817 West Second Street, Madison.

Be Dream Homes LLC to Zachary A. Burton and Charmaine B. Burton, 2271 Bluff Run Drive, Hanover.

Joan Romano to Teresa L. Cantu, 920 Cross Avenue, Madison.

MHM Real Estate LLC to LAR Properties LLC, five tracts at 607 and 613 Green Road, Madison (\$650,000).

Stephanie S. Bomar-Stoner (trustee) and Stoner Family Irrevocable Trust to Steven Geisler and Dena Geisler, approximately 8.7 acres at 611 South Grange Hall Road, Hanover.

Kenneth W. Garrett and Melinda A. Garrett to Kenneth Scott Williams, 5380 West Mels Lane, Hanover.

James P. Given to Gregory D. Spivey and Kathy A. Spivey, 2 acres at 9627 East Vernon Ridge Road, Madison.

James P. Given to Gregory D. Spivey and Kathy A. Spivey, approximately 26 acres at 9627 East Vernon Ridge Road, Madison.

Susan Klein to Kristopher L. Kalb, 616 Jefferson Street, Madison.

Sherry Breeding Almanza and

Misty Dawn Williams (estate) to Trenton McGaughey, an easement on Crowe Street, Hanover.

Ben Flint Sheriff of Jefferson County Indiana, Jefferson County Indiana Sheriff Ben Flint, Sheriff of Jefferson County Indiana Ben Flint,

Carrington Mortgage Services LLC, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and Lynsy D. Lamb to Michael Davies and Amy Davies, 9011 West State Road 56, Lexington.

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Merinda Hall and Thomas Ray Sedam Jr. to Merinda Hall,

3728 South Sharon Hill Road, Lexington.

Bruce Steven Brown and Fleta Mae Brown (estate) to Bruce Steven Brown, Chester Neil Brown and David Brown, approximately 165.5 acres at 8992 and 8000+ East Doe Run Road, Madison.

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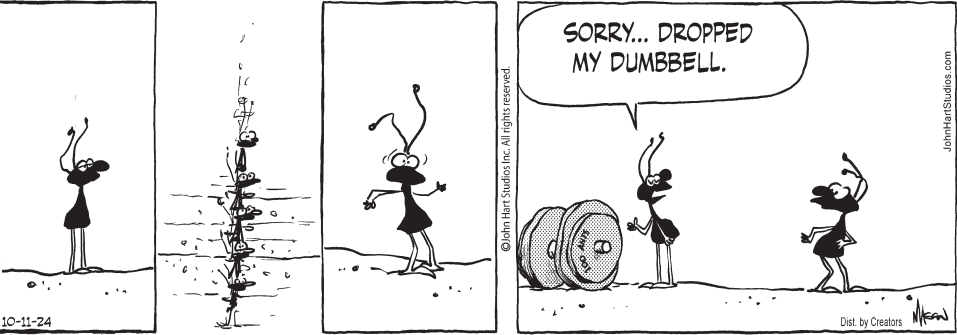
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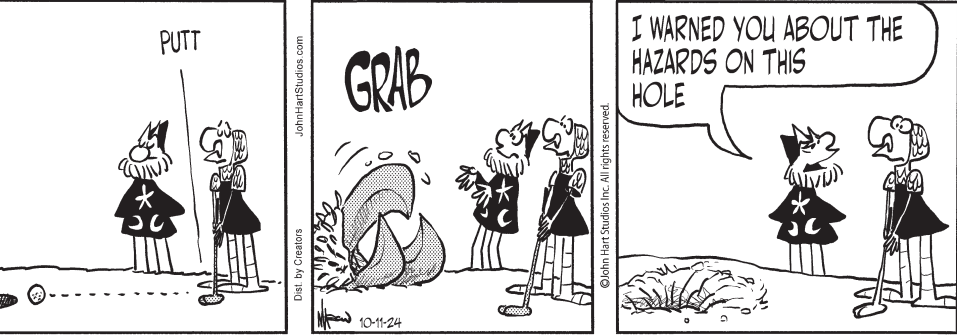
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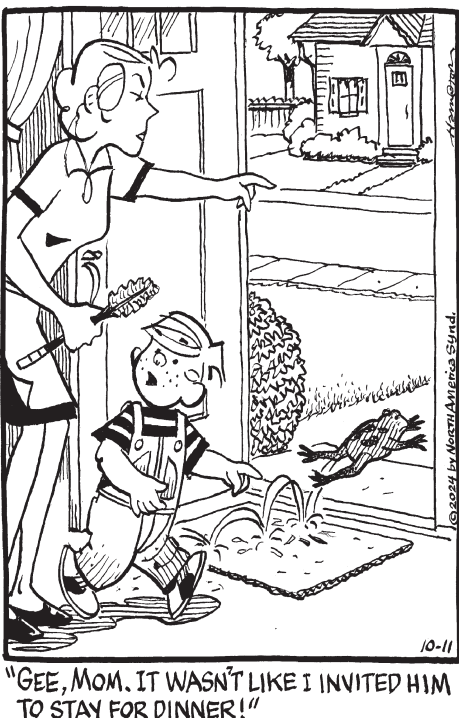
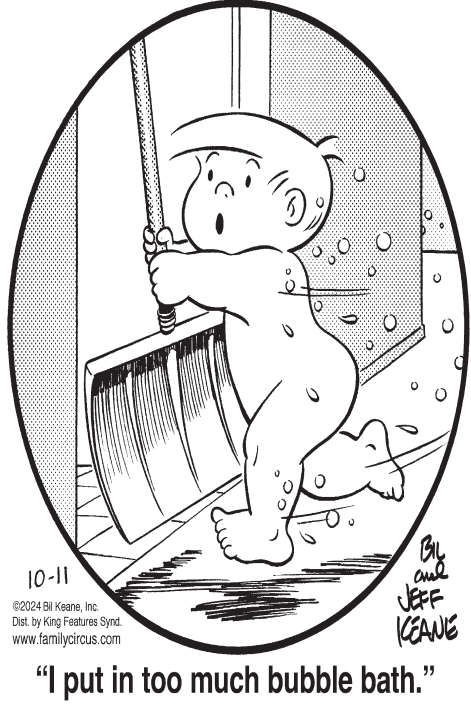


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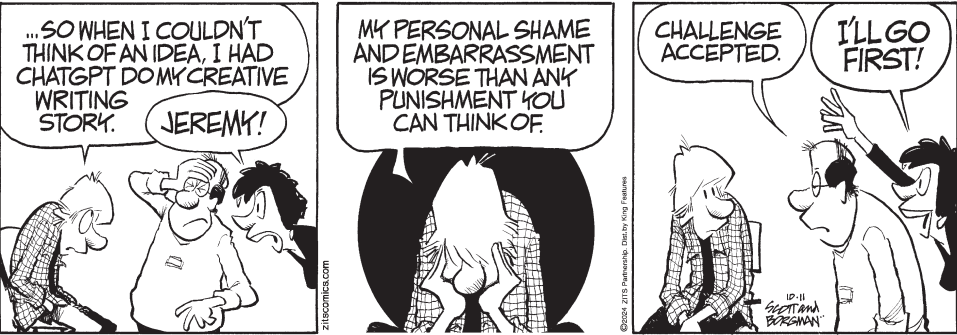
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On Oct. 11, 1991, testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Anita Hill accused Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment; Thomas re-appeared before the panel to denounce the proceedings as a "high-tech lynching."

Also on this date:
In 1906, the San Francisco Board of Education ordered all the city's Asian students segregated into their own school. (The order was later rescinded at the behest of President Theodore Roosevelt, who in exchange promised to curb future Japanese immigration to the United States.)
In 1968, Apollo 7, the first manned Apollo mission, was launched with astronauts Wally Schirra, Donn Fulton Eisele and R. Walter

Cunningham aboard.
In 1984, Challenger astronaut Kathryn D. Sullivan became the first American woman to walk in space as she and fellow Mission Specialist David C. Leestma spent 3½ hours outside the shuttle.
In 1986, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev opened two days of talks in Reykjavik, Iceland, concerning arms control and human rights.
In 1987, the AIDS Memorial Quilt was first displayed, during the Second National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights on the National Mall.
In 2017, the Boy Scouts of America announced that it would admit girls into the Cub Scouts starting the

following year and establish a new program for older girls based on the Boy Scout curriculum.
In 2021, Jon Gruden resigned as coach of the Las Vegas Raiders following reports about messages he wrote years earlier that used offensive terms to refer to Blacks, gays and women.
Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry is 97. Actor Amitabh Bachchan is 82. Singer Daryl Hall (Hall and Oates) is 78. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Washington, is 74. Actor David Morse is 71. Football Hall of Famer Steve Young is 63. Actor Joan Cusack is 62. Actor Jane Krakowski is 56. Rapper MC Lyte is 54. Actor Emily Deschanel is 48. Actor Michelle Trachtenberg is 39. Golfer Michelle Wie is 35. Rapper Cardi B is 32. NFL linebacker T.J. Watt is 30.

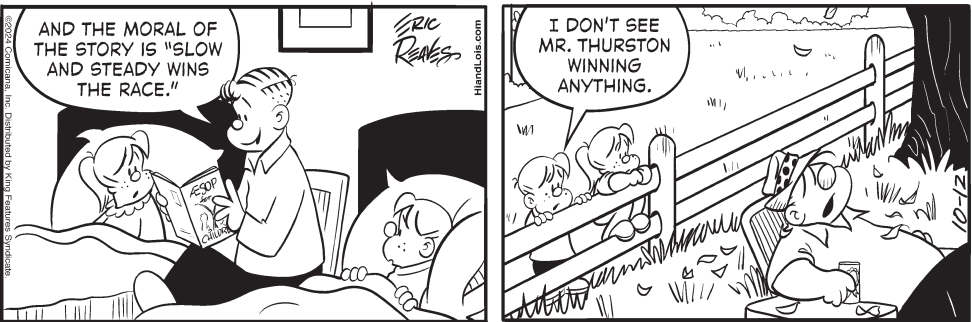
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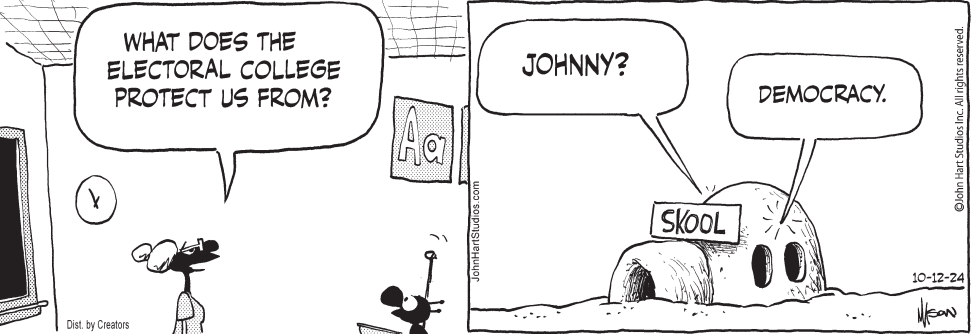
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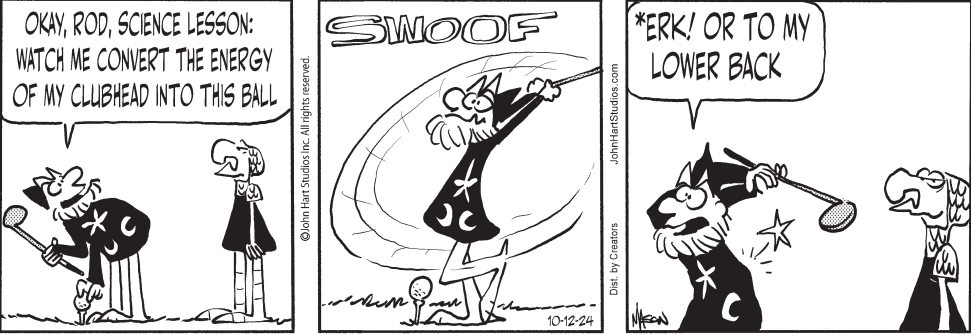
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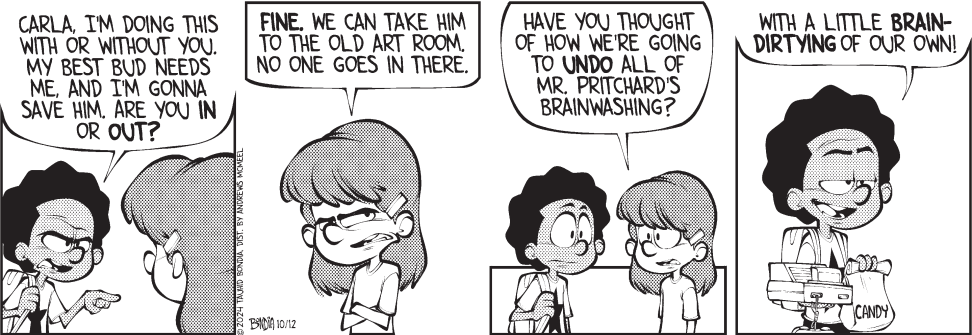
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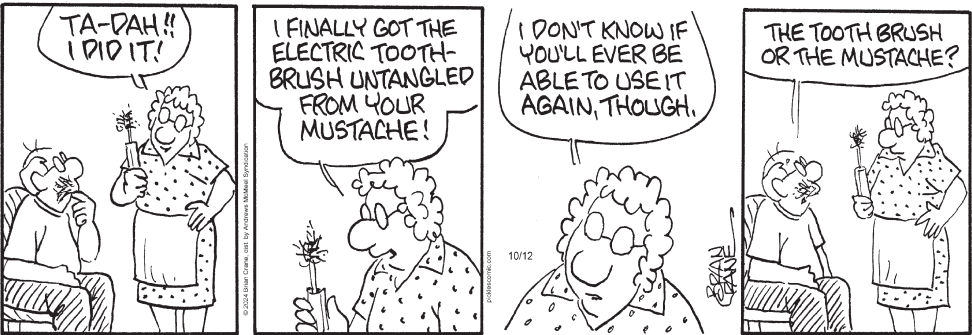
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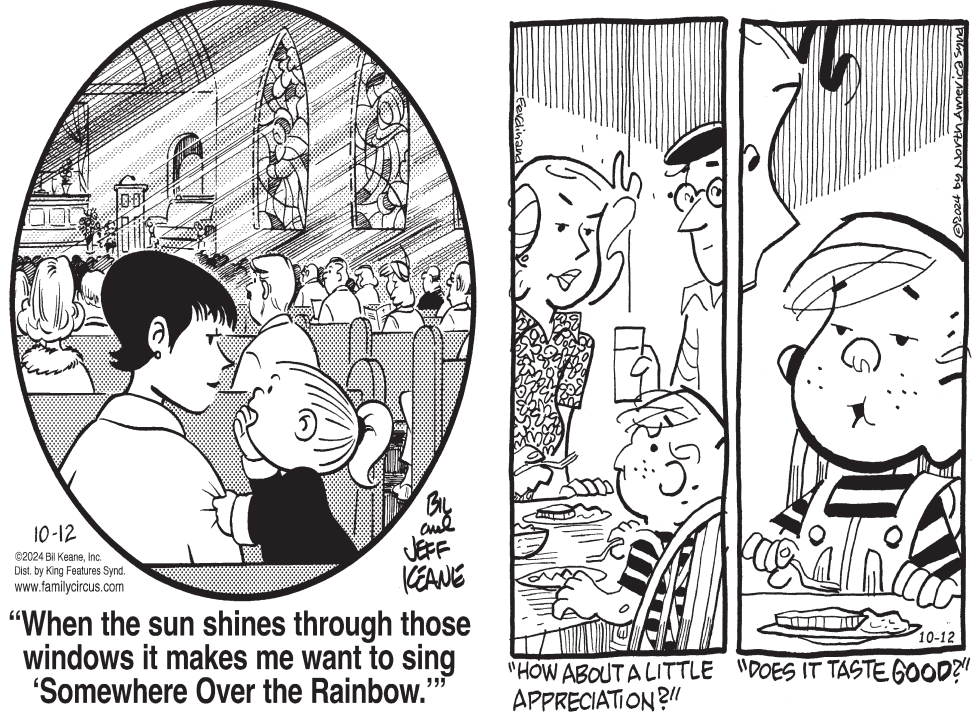


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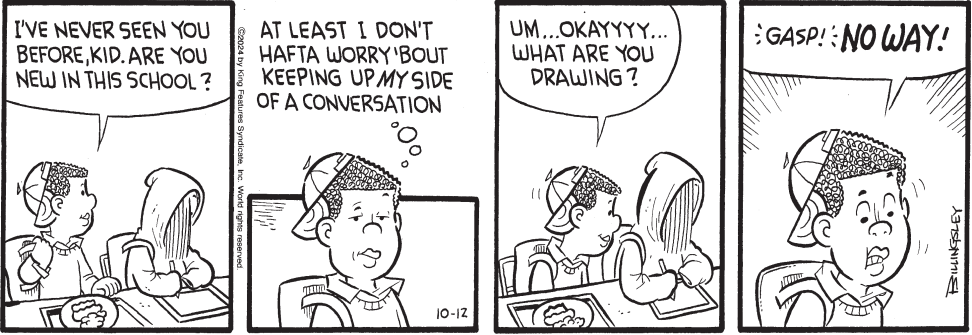
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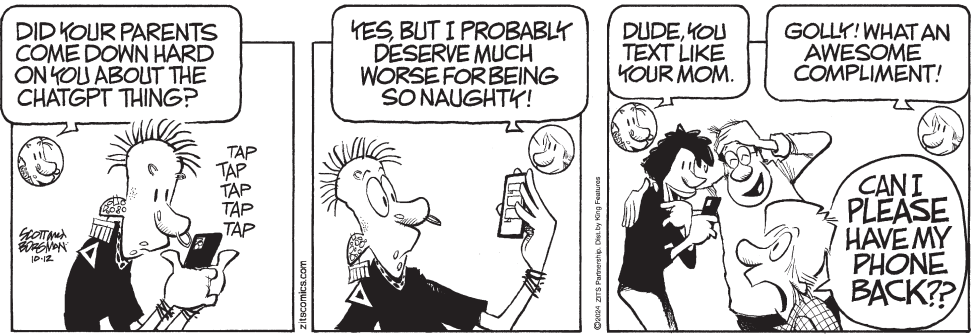
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today in history:
On Oct. 12, 2002, bombs blamed on al-Qaida-linked militants destroyed two nightclubs on the Indonesian island of Bali, killing 202 people, many of whom were foreign tourists.

Also on this date:
In 1492, Christopher Columbus's first expedition made landfall on what is now San Salvador Island in the Bahamas.
In 1870, General Robert E. Lee died in Lexington, Virginia, at age 63.
In 1960, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev protested remarks at the United Nations by pounding his shoe on his desk.
In 1968, Mexican track and field athlete Enriqueta Basilio became the first woman to light the Olympic flame at the opening ceremonies of the Mexico City Summer Games.
In 1973, President Richard Nixon nominated House minority leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan to succeed Spiro T. Agnew as vice president.
In 1984, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher escaped an attempt on her life when an Irish Republican Army bomb exploded at a hotel in Brighton, England, killing five people.
In 2000, 17 sailors were killed in a suicide bomb attack on the destroyer USS Cole in Yemen.

In 2019, Eliud Kipchoge became the first person to run a marathon in less than two hours, crossing the finish line of the INEOS 1:59 Challenge in Vienna, Austria, with a time of 1:59:40.

Today's Birthdays:
NASCAR Hall of Famer Ned Jarrett is 92. Singer Sam Moore (Sam and Dave) is 89. Broadcast journalist Chris Wallace is 77. Actor Hiroyuki Sanada is 64. Jazz musician Chris Botti is 62. Actor Hugh Jackman is 56. Country musician Martie Maguire (The Chicks) is 55. Actor Kirk Cameron is 54. Olympic gold medal skier Bode Miller is 47. Actor Josh Hutcherson is 32.

MADISON

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He said the city will continue to prioritize blight elimination and revitalization of neighborhoods and public safety. Along with the budget, the council also heard the second reading of the city's salary ordinance for appointed officers and employees in 2025 as well as the ordinance to set salaries of elected officials.

"I think the administration did a good job putting together the salary ordinance," said District One Councilman Patrick Thevenow of the pay schedule for appointed officials and employees. "We've been able to raise pay for several employees of the city who have been punching above their weight but have not been paid as they probably should be for the job they doing. So thanks to the city and council for addressing this."

Council At-Large Josh Wilber offered an amendment to the proposed salary schedule for elected officials to bring those salaries in line with the pay increases appointed officers and employees will receive. "There is a couple of the elected officials where they would not be in alignment with what we're doing ... with the department heads and the salaries," Wilber said.

"So raising the mayor up basically \$5,000 and the clerk treasurer up \$5,000 and giving basically an adjustment there so that it is in alignment with what we are doing overall with salaries ... I think it is important to amend that to stay in alignment totally," Wilber said as part of that move, common council pay would also increase due to a precedent that council members be paid 10% of the mayor's salary. The amended salary ordinance, which passed 6-1 with only Thevenow opposing, would pay the mayor \$88,650, clerk treasurer \$78,081.21 the seven council members \$8,865 each with the council pro tem stipend remaining \$1,200.

"I don't think I'd be able to support this," Thevenow said prior to the vote. "Over the past several years we have worked to bring up the salaries for elected officials and I think compared to standard employees of the city of Madison, who we have been addressing with pay, elected officials come into this knowing what the salary is for the job and I think anything at the cur-



Mark Campbell

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney congratulates Mary Kay McCubbin after proclaiming the city's recently refurbished sport courts on the west end of downtown Madison the Mary Kay McCubbin Sport Court. McCubbin spearheaded a fundraising drive to refurbish the tennis courts as multi-use courts for tennis, pickle ball and bocce ball.

rent time beyond the cost of living increase is just something I won't be able to support."

A local resident in the audience, Rick Reuss, also voiced opposition to the salary increases. "It just seems like you've already gone through a budget process and now you've just upped the ante and I don't see that — not that they're not worth it — but it just seems like it goes outside the process." "This is something we talked about when we were going through our budget process, but we didn't get into the data to support any of it so I didn't have a whole lot of time to dig into the data to get this to council until just recently," Wilber explained. "So unfortunately it didn't hit the time we had for the first reading."

"So maybe you ought to hold your motion until next year when you have time," Reuss countered. "No offense."

IN OTHER BUSINESS

- Heard a complaint by Randy Bellamy about noise and commotion created by what he described as about 40 cars, trucks, golf carts and motorcycles involved in a polit-

ical parade "honking horns and peeling tires" through downtown Madison on Oct. 1.

Bellamy said the event was unsafe and disturbed the peace and questioned whether it had been officially permitted by the city and, if not, why police did not intervene.

"Why are they allowed to take our peace and quiet away," Bellamy asked, noting that the group, which appeared to be Trump supporters, was running four-ways stops and driving in an unsafe manner.

"I don't understand how something like this can happen in our town and not have anything happen to the participants," Bellamy added. "They should have had to have a permit ... what's next the KKK or even the Democrats?"

Courtney said to the best of his knowledge there were no accidents, no noise violations and no weapons involved and that the impromptu event was probably more of an example of "freedom of speech" that a permit requiring event. Several similar "parades" were held prior to the 2020 presidential election.

Bellamy noted that freedom of speech also involves individual

rights. "I was taught that my rights stop where your rights begin and I certainly have a right for peace in my living room," he said.

- Amended the city's Housing Discrimination Ordinance to redefine the role of the city's Human Relations Commission from an investigative and enforcement role to an education and public awareness role.

- Read a resolution naming the city's multi-use sport courts on the west end of downtown Madison as the Mary Kay McCubbin Sport Court. McCubbin was one of the leaders in raising the funds to develop the court, which resurfaced and upgraded a tennis court at the former Madison Country Club into a facility for tennis, pickleball and bocce ball.

- Read a proclamation observing Code Enforcement Month.

- Heard a suggestion that the city of Madison take action similar to Jefferson County government and declare a moratorium on solar industries until such development can be further researched and discussed, and policies and regulations updated.

SOUP

FROM PAGE A1

currently in transition following the departure of Liz Ciganovich as executive director in June.

"We use a lot of volunteers," said Owens, specifically citing contributions from Shawe students who have been trash runners the last two years, and the Madison football team that has set up and taken down the stages. "It's great that they want to contribute to one of the bigger festivals in Madison."

With a good portion of the proceeds going to non-profits, Owens said Soup Stew Chili Brew is an event "that gives back to the community."

SONGS

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On Friday the historic Ohio Theatre is hosting a show with the awesome duo Golden Shoals.

And then Saturday is Soup Stew Chili & Brew all day, and then some great music later in the evening at Thomas Family Winery. All in all, just about a perfect weekend of live music in Indiana's Music City. You coming?!

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

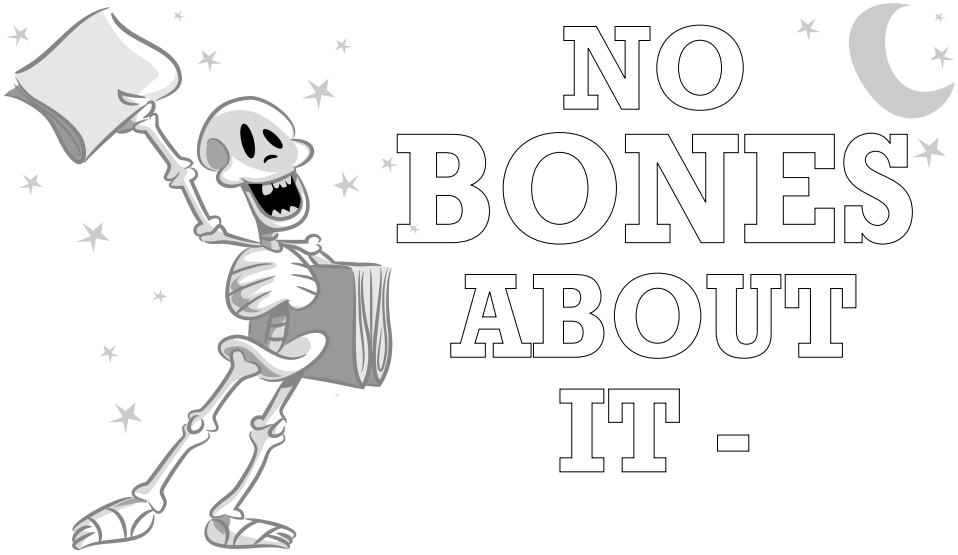
EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, October 11

First Street Saloon — Chris Jesse Band
Ohio Theatre — Golden Shoals
Tailgators — Patriotic Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

Saturday, October 12

First Street Saloon — DJ Nate
Main Street — Soup Stew Chili & Brew
Thomas Family Winery — Brook Reindollar, Steve Pulias & Friends (7 p.m.)
Tailgators — Stoned Gnomes (9 p.m.-1 am.)



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Why Retirement Planning
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Picture this: You've meticulously saved for decades, diligently squirreling away money for your golden years. You envision carefree days filled with travel, hobbies, and leisurely naps. But there's a hidden variable in this happy retirement equation: your own longevity. A recent study reveals a startling gap in understanding life expectancy, which directly impacts how much and how long you need to save. This article throws open the curtains on the crucial role of longevity in retirement planning and why simply focusing on savings risks leaves you financially exposed as the years tick by.

The Longevity Gamble

Imagine meticulously saving for retirement based on assumptions of a 75-year lifespan, only to live well into your 90s. This scenario, unfortunately, isn't fiction for many. Advancements in healthcare and improved living standards have pushed average life expectancy upwards, creating a "longevity risk" for unprepared retirees.

The problem lies in underestimating how long we might live. Many rely on personal anecdotes - family members' lifespans - instead of considering broader statistics and medical progress. This overlooks the fact that today's 65-year-olds have a considerably higher chance of reaching 90 compared to their grandparents. It's like playing a game with incomplete information, potentially setting yourself up for a financial shortfall later in life.

The Domino Effect of Longevity

Longevity's impact extends far beyond mere savings figures. It directly affects decisions about Social Security, a vital income source for many retirees. Delaying benefits until age 70 maximizes the monthly payout, but most Americans claim them early, often at 62, receiving significantly less. This decision, usually driven by an inaccurate view of their lifespan, can lead to a financial squeeze in later years. Think of it as choosing a smaller slice of pie today, leaving you with a potentially shrinking portion the longer you live.

The equation gets even more complex when considering gender. Data shows women have a higher likelihood of living longer than men, requiring potentially more extended retirement periods. This necessitates personalized retirement plans that factor in individual circumstances like health, family history, and lifestyle. Ignoring these variables is like planning a road trip without a map, potentially leading you down the wrong financial path.

Embracing Longevity Literacy

The key to navigating this "longevity gamble" lies in longevity literacy. This refers

to understanding the factors influencing lifespan and using that knowledge to make informed financial decisions. Tools like online life expectancy calculators and consultations with financial advisors can be valuable resources. Imagine them as financial GPS systems guiding you toward a secure retirement destination.

Start Today, Secure Tomorrow

Remember, retirement planning is a marathon, not a sprint. By factoring in longevity and taking control of your financial future today, you can ensure a comfortable and well-deserved retirement, regardless of how long it lasts. Start by educating yourself on longevity trends, exploring different retirement income options, and considering adjusting your savings goals based on your individual circumstances. Take proactive steps now, and watch your retirement dreams unfold into a beautiful reality, even if they stretch well into your 90s.

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Rebels’ Helton falls in tennis sectional

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Southwestern’s Braden Helton saw his senior tennis season come to an end with a loss in the individual sectional at Columbus North on Wednesday.
Helton earned a berth in the individual sectional by winning both of his matches at No. 1 singles during the team sectional last week. On Tuesday, Helton opened the individual sectional with a 6-1, 7-5 win over Grayson Squires in the first round.
On Wednesday, Helton lost a battle with Jennings County’s Parker Bales, 6-4, 6-1.
Helton graduates as Southwestern’s career leader in wins.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

- FRIDAY, OCT. 11**
FOOTBALL
Madison hosts Bedford North Lawrence, 7 p.m.
Switzerland Co. hosts Southside HomeSchool, 7 p.m.
Carroll Co. hosts Walton-Verona, 7:30 p.m.
- SATURDAY, OCT. 12**
CROSS COUNTRY
Shawe, Southwestern, Switzerland Co., ORVC Championships at Hanover College, 10 a.m.
- FOOTBALL**
Hanover hosts Rose-Hulman, 2 p.m.
- SOCCER**
Carroll Co. boys, KHSAA 8th Region Tournament, TBA
Carroll Co. girls, KHSAA 8th Region Tournament, TBA
Hanover women at Manchester, 1 p.m.
Madison/Charlestown girls vs. Scottsburg/Silver Creek, IHSAA Class 2A Sectional Championship at Madison, 2 p.m.
Hanover men at Manchester, 3:30 p.m.
Shawe/Christian Academy girls vs. Providence/Austin, IHSAA Class A Sectional Championship at Providence, 4 p.m.
Madison vs. Lawrenceburg, IHSAA Class 2A Sectional Championship at South Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Shawe boys vs. Southwestern, IHSAA Class A Sectional Championship at Southwestern (Shelby), 7 p.m.
- VOLLEYBALL**
Southwestern, Edinburg Invite, 9 a.m.
Switzerland Co., New Washington Invite, 9 a.m.
Hanover hosts Berea, 1 p.m.
- SUNDAY, OCT. 13**
No local events
- MONDAY, OCT. 14**
SOCCER
Carroll Co. boys, KHSAA 8th Region Tournament, TBA
Carroll Co. girls, KHSAA 8th Region Tournament, TBA
- TUESDAY, OCT. 15**
VOLLEYBALL
Carroll Co. hosts Frankfort, 7 p.m.
Trimble Co. hosts Grant Co., 7 p.m.

2A BOYS SOCCER SECTIONAL

Madison outlasts Switzerland to reach finals

BY DAVID CAMPBELL
AURORA — It took an overtime and seven penalty kick rounds but Madison finally outlasted Switzerland County to claim a 2-1 win in the semifinals of the Class 2A Boys Soccer Sectional at South Dearborn on Wednesday.
The Cubs were two minutes away from winning the game in regulation when Switzerland’s Cooper Todd scored on a through ball to force overtime. After two scoreless extra sessions, the game moved into a penalty kick shootout.
Both teams hit four of their first five attempts and then knocked in the sixth shot for good measure. It was on the seventh attempt that Switzerland’s Carter Hinman was stopped by Madison backup goalie Xander Bauer before the Cubs’ Griffin Schwartz hammered in his shot to send Madison home a winner.

“We told the boys after the second half, ‘You guys played 78 and a half minutes of brilliant soccer. You were locked in. You were focused on everything, and it took one moment of not paying attention,’ ” Madison coach Kyle Boekeloo said. “And good for (Switzerland), they played a quick ball in. They scored. But we have a resilient bunch of guys. They’ve been doing it kind of all year. That’s a good team over there with a lot of seniors that know how to get it done. So this feels good for us.”

The two teams did not meet in the regular season — although they did scrimmage before the season — but appeared destined to square off in a championship match. As it turned out, the ping-pong balls had other plans, sending the two into a semifinal showdown.

The game had the feeling of a championship match with neither team truly controlling the game. Switzerland had more overall shots, 13-8, but shots on goal were tied 7-7.

Madison (14-3-2) broke through for the first goal of the game eight minutes into the second half when Henry Schmidt settled the ball just outside of the 18-yard box and fired a laser that beat Switzerland goalie Nate Williams for a 1-0 lead.

That score looked like it would hold up. Switzerland got a few chances, none were all that strong as the Madison defense did its best to contain the Pacers’ high-scoring senior Cooper Todd.



David Campbell
Madison’s Giovanni Robledo Lopez (25), Lennard Cordis (5), Wyatt Overpeck (6) and Griffin Schwartz (7) celebrate after Schwartz hit the winning penalty kick to lead the Cubs to a 2-1 win over Switzerland County in the boys soccer sectional on Wednesday.



David Campbell
Switzerland County’s Cooper Todd (11) works around Madison’s Lennard Cordis (5) during the sectional semifinals on Wednesday. Madison won the match 2-1 on penalty kicks.

But Todd couldn’t be stopped forever.
With time running out, Switzerland was awarded a direct kick near midfield and the Pacers took advantage. Carson Griffith sent a rocket down the field, directly to Todd, who gathered in the ball and beat the defense for the game-tying goal with just a minute and a half left in regulation.
Switzerland (15-3) had all of the momentum heading into the overtime but neither team threatened. Both teams then went with back-up goalies in the shootout, Madison by necessity and Switzerland by choice.

Madison’s Schmidt, Brady Lock, Bodie Heckler and Giovanni Maya Zapata each hit shots in the first round of the shootout and were matched by Switzerland’s Todd, Jack McClellan, Grant Hall and Ezra Dayadharum. That sent to shootout into sudden death with Madison’s Giovanni Robledo Lopez and Switzerland’s Isaiah Dayadharum each finding the net.

On the seventh attempt, Bauer, who was subbing for the injured Graham Klein, stopped Hinman’s attempt and Schwartz followed with the winning goal to set off a victory celebration.

“Shootouts are definitely a crapshoot. We put Austin in goal, and he did a great job. He guessed right more times than not,” Switzerland coach David Todd said. “We put our guys out there and gave it a shot, took it to the second round of the shootout. You can talk about (shootouts) all you want. It’s just a crapshoot.”

Switzerland finished with a 7-4 advantage on corners while Madison had 11 fouls to 10 for the Pacers. Williams stopped six goals for Switzerland while Klein had four saves for Madison before he was injured in overtime. Bauer had two saves in the overtime.

Switzerland graduates six seniors who make up the winningest class in school history. Along with Cooper Todd, who finished his career with more than 100 goals, the Pacers lose Grif-fith, Ashton Purvis, Roman Hite, SEE **MADISON/PAGE B8**

1A BOYS SOCCER SECTIONAL

Shawe, Southwestern win to set up championship showdown



David Campbell
Shawe’s Gus Grote (10) watches his shot skid by Austin’s Caleb Payne (25) and goalie Samuel Sullivan for a goal in the Hilltoppers’ 9-0 win in the sectional at Southwestern (Shelby) on Monday.

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Shawe and Southwestern each posted come-from-behind victories to set up a championship showdown in the semifinals of the Class A Boys Soccer Sectional at Southwestern (Shelby) on Wednesday.
Shawe, which had hammered Austin 9-0 in the opening round on Monday, rallied from a 2-0 deficit to beat host and 11th-ranked Southwestern (Shelby) 4-3 (5-4 shootout) in the first game on Wednesday. Southwestern (Hanover) used three goals by Kaedon Higgins to rally from a 1-0 hole and beat Trinity Lutheran in the second game, 3-2.
Shawe trailed 2-0 at halftime of its semifinal game but began the comeback quickly when Rodrigo Reyes-Miranda scored just two minutes into the second half to get the Hilltoppers on the board. Gus Grote then scored in the 63rd minute off a pass from Bartosz Rychlicki to tie the game.
Neither team could get the breakaway goal over the final 17 minutes of regulation but both teams scored in the overtime session with Reyes-Miranda converting a Rychlicki assist to once again tie the game and send it to a penalty-kick shootout.
Shawe couldn’t miss in the shootout with Rychlicki, Reyes-Miranda, Grote, Leo Garcia and Tyler Hill all scoring for the Hilltoppers as they edged the Spartans 5-4 on kicks and 4-3 overall.
Southwestern’s win over Trinity Lutheran in the second game was no less dramatic, although the Rebels did win the game in regulation.
Trinity Lutheran took a 1-0 lead into half-time but Higgins scored the first of his three goals to tie the game for Southwestern. After Trinity went ahead 2-1, Higgins scored two more times to complete the hat trick and send the defending champs back to the championship game.
On Monday, Shawe had no issues with Austin, scoring a 9-0 win. The Hilltoppers led

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1A GIRLS SOCCER SECTIONAL

Oldenburg stuns Switzerland in final minutes to claim sectional victory

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

RISING SUN — Oldenburg’s Olivia Leising poked in a shot from the middle of a scrum with just a minute and a half left in overtime to lift the Twisters to a 1-0 win over Switzerland County in the opening round of the Class A Girls Soccer Sectional at Rising Sun on Tuesday.

The two tournament rivals — they’ve combined to win the last seven sectional titles — battled for 92 scoreless minutes with each only getting a few good looks at the net.

The game seemed destined to go to a penalty-kick shootout but Oldenburg had other plans. On the second of back-to-back corner kicks, the Twisters’ Claire Niese sent a shot into a pile of players and the Pacers were unable to clear the ball. Leising was able to fire off a shot inside the scrum from less than 5 feet away and into the goal.

Switzerland spent the final minute and a half frantically trying to get the equalizer to no avail so the Pacers’ three-year run as sectional champions came to an end.

“The girls played hard. They played tough. They stuck to the game plan. They were solid, like we asked,” Switzerland coach Courtney Dayadharum said. “We played Oldenburg earlier in the season and they put five goals on us. So we had to change things around, move some players around to try to contain them, and



Switzerland County’s Claire Rogers (3), Emma Parsons (10) and Lanie McAlister (15) walk off the field dejected as Oldenburg Academy celebrates a 1-0 win over the Pacers at the girls soccer sectional at Rising Sun on Tuesday.

it worked. But one mistake off of a corner, and there we go.”

Switzerland, ranked 14th in the final coaches poll, had lost only two games all season, but one was 5-3 to Oldenburg, the fourth-ranked team in the state.

Dayadharum and the Pacers knew they would have to play better if they were going to slow down the Twister attack and they did just that.

While Oldenburg (11-6) had 19 shots in the game, only six were on frame as Switzerland kept them out of range thanks in large part to senior Avy Burkholder, who was

seemingly everywhere. Two of the Twisters’ shots banged off the crossbar and were cleared by the Pacers, and were Oldenburg’s only good looks in regulation.

Switzerland (12-3) had an equally difficult time finding looks, but had one good shot early in the second half but Emma Parsons’ attempt glanced off the post. Overall, the Pacers had 13 shots with nine on frame.

That defensive struggle spilled over into the overtime where for 12 minutes, neither team could find an opening. But a crack began to form late in the Switzer-



Switzerland County’s Lauren Smith (12) takes aim at Oldenburg Academy goalkeeper Norah Haverkos (1) and the Twisters’ Olivia Leising (15) during the Pacers’ 1-0 loss in the girls soccer sectional at Rising Sun on Tuesday.

land defense and Oldenburg took advantage.

A strong run led to a corner kick and Niese’s attempt was curving its way toward the goal when senior defender Claire Rogers stepped in and deflected the ball away. The ball went out of bounds to set up a second corner kick by the Twisters. It was on that attempt that they scored the game-winner.

Despite the loss, Dayadharum was thrilled with her team’s play. Every player left it on the field so she had no complaints about their effort.

“Each player that started the game, my bench players, my injured players, they all, they all

left everything out there. They worked hard all game. That’s all we could ask for,” Dayadharum said. “I know they’re crying. I know they’re upset, because it stings. But they should be proud and hold their heads high. They played hard. We had the chances.”

Oldenburg finished the game with a 7-6 advantage in corner kicks and also had 11 fouls to Switzerland’s 10. Pacer keeper Paige Earls had five saves while Oldenburg goalie Norah Haverkos worked a clean sheet.

Oldenburg faced Milan in the semifinals on Thursday. The championship is set for Saturday afternoon.

Carroll girls knock off Owen

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Carroll County picked up a 4-2 win over Owen County in the semifinals of the 31st District girls soccer tournament at Owen County on Tuesday.

No individual results were available.

Carroll, now 10-7 on the season, faced Henry County in the district championship game on Thursday at Owen County.

Carroll County’s boys, currently 7-7 on the season, also played Henry County in the championship game at Owen County on Thursday.

The Eighth Region Tournament will begin on Saturday and continues next week.



Carroll County’s Brinley County (right) takes a shot after breaking free from Owen County defender Cara Cobb during the 31st District girls soccer tournament semifinals in Owenton. The Panthers beat the Rebels 4-2 to advance to the district championship game against Henry County and earn a spot in the regional tourney.

1A GIRLS SOCCER SECTIONAL
Shawe routs Trinity Lutheran

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Shawe girls soccer picked up its first-ever postseason win in a 6-0 victory over Trinity Lutheran in the opening round of the Class A Sectional at Providence on Wednesday.

The Hilltoppers scored just four minutes into the match when Justice Kuntz connected off a cross pass from Maria Ameca-Mendoza. Salma Rangel then scored on a through pass from Sarah Willhoite to give Shawe a 2-0 lead at halftime.

Shawe added four goals in the second half — Ameca-Mendoza scored two goals, Ava Flint had a goal on a 30-yard direct kick and Ruby Martin had a breakaway goal for the final scoring.

Overall, Shawe outshot Trinity 16-5 and goalie Odyssey Felix had five saves en route to the shut-out.

Shawe, now 11-4-2 on the season, faced Christian Academy of Indiana in the semifinals on Thursday. The championship game is on Saturday at 4 p.m.

REBELS FALL TO PROVIDENCE

Southwestern suffered a 13-0 loss to No. 2 Providence in the opening round of the sectional on Tuesday.

Freshman Katja Pretorius had several good runs including a shot for the Rebels.

Southwestern ends the season with an 0-12-1 record.

DNR reserved hunt applications open

Hunters can now apply for reserved hunts at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt, the one-stop information spot for the hunts. These hunts follow science-based wildlife management to maintain healthy wildlife populations for all people to enjoy.

The online method is the only way to apply for the hunts listed below. No late entries will be accepted. Applicants must possess a hunting license that’s valid for the hunt for which they apply.

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. EDT on Sunday, Oct. 27. More specific hunt information for individual properties is available on the reserved hunt webpage listed earlier.

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For questions related to State Park Deer Management Draw Hunts, please contact Anthony Sipes at asipes@dnr.IN.gov or 317-232-4128.

VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

Southwestern Rebels sweep Switzerland in three sets

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern rolled over Switzerland County 3-0 in volleyball on Tuesday in Hanover.

The Rebels won 25-5, 25-13, 25-9.

Rorie Scroggins had 13 kills and two blocks for the Rebels, Harlee Hill had 12 kills, six aces and six digs, Allison Birchfield had five kills and five digs, Kaylee Hite had five digs, and Hillarie Buchanan had 32 assists.

Switzerland County, now 1-20

overall and 0-4 in the Ohio River Valley Conference, traveled to Milan on Thursday and closes the regular season in the New Washington Invitational on Saturday.

The Pacers face Brown County in the Class 2A Sectional a Brownstown next Thursday.

Southwestern, now 15-10 overall and 2-3 in the ORVC, traveled to Henryville on Thursday and plays in the Edinburgh Invitational on Saturday. The Rebels then face

Austin in the Class 2A Sectional at Brownstown next Thursday.

MADISON SPLITS TWO

Madison volleyball split a pair of matches against former Hoosier Hills Conference foes earlier this week in its final matches of the regular season.

On Monday, Madison knocked off Bedford North Lawrence in five sets, 21-25, 25-16, 25-21, 19-25, 15-11. Audrey Miller had

40 assists for the Cubs, Lilly Canida had 15 digs and five service aces and Brittan Neuman had 14 kills.

On Tuesday, Madison lost in four sets at Columbus East, 25-16, 25-19, 23-25, 25-17. Canida had 13 kills and Miller had 35 assists.

Madison ends the regular season with a 13-15 record. The Cubs face Corydon in the opening round of the Class 3A Sectional at Silver Creek on Thursday.

TRIMBLE FALLS TO SHELBY

Trimble County and Shelby County went the distance before Shelby pulled out a five-set win in volleyball Tuesday in Bedford.

The visiting Rockets won 25-15, 23-25, 20-25, 25-18, 25-5. No individual statistics were available.

Trimble, now 12-13, traveled to Cornerstone Christian on Thursday and hosts Grant County on Tuesday.

Bengals trying to salvage spiraling season after loss to Ravens

BY MITCH STACY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals are scoring plenty of points but squandered one opportunity after another to beat the Baltimore Ravens.

A victory in Sunday’s wild game would have been their second straight and given them an early advantage in the AFC North. Instead, the Bengals (1-4) were done in again by Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson and left to ponder a season that might be slipping away.

Cincinnati fans were already celebrating when Evan McPherson — known as “Money Mac” for his accuracy — trotted onto the field to try a 53-yard field goal that would have won the game in overtime. But a mishandled snap by holder Ryan Rehkow contributed to McPherson missing the kick wide left.

The Ravens took over and on the next play, and Derrick Henry, who’d been mostly con-

tained by the Bengals, rumbled 51 yards to the Cincinnati 6-yard-line to set up a 24-yard game-winning field goal for Justin Tucker.

Tucker had kicked a 56-yarder to tie the game in regulation after Burrow threw his only interception of the day. The Bengals then went three-and-out to send the game into overtime.

It was heartbreaker for Burrow, who threw for 392 yards and a career-high five touchdowns, and for a defense that thought it had contained the elusive Jackson just enough.

“I’m sick to my stomach for our guys in there,” Cincinnati coach Zac Taylor said. “They fought. I’m proud of them, but we’ve got to find a way to win. We can’t keep coming up one play short, and that’s really what the game came down to.”

Burrow was direct about the prospects of saving the Bengals’ season.

“We’re not a championship-le-

vel team right now,” he said. “I’d like to think we’ll come back and improve throughout the season to get to that point, but right now, we are not.

“Something has to change,” he said. “I’m not sure what that is on our end, but we’ll do some critical thinking, watch the tape, and see what we can do better.”

WHAT’S WORKING

Cincinnati scored 30 points for the third straight game. Burrow went 30 for 39, rallied the Bengals from a first-half deficit and engineered drives that put them up by 10 points three times in the second half. He threw two touchdown passes apiece to receivers Ja’Marr Chase and Tee Higgins.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

The defense just couldn’t stop Jackson as he scrambled to make one big play after another. He threw for 348 yards and four touchdowns. In the fourth

quarter with the Bengals leading 38-28, Jackson dropped and picked up the shotgun snap before scrambling and stiff-arming Bengals defensive end Sam Hubbard and throwing a 6-yard TD pass to Isaiah Likely. ... The Bengals are still struggling to run the ball, with Chase Brown and Zack Moss combining for just 70 yards on the ground.

STOCK UP

Chase had a season-high 10 catches for 193 yards. The prettiest was a screen pass that he turned into a 70-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

STOCK DOWN

Rehkow is a solid punter, pinning the Ravens inside their own 20 on four of five kicks Sunday. But he likely cost Cincinnati the game when, as the holder, he mishandled a clean snap on McPherson’s attempt at the winning kick in overtime.

“I think I just tried to get it

down a little too quick — give Evan enough time to look at it — and I just didn’t get it down cleanly,” Rehkow said.

INJURIES

CB Dax Hill tore his ACL in the first quarter, ending his season. “Heartbroken for him,” Taylor said. ... RT Amarius Mims was carted off with an ankle injury in the third quarter but returned.

KEY NUMBER

116.3 — Burrow’s quarterback rating through five games, the highest since 1950 by a QB whose team went 1-4 or worse. His 72.3% completion percentage is also the best in that dubious category.

NEXT STEPS

The Bengals have to shake off the divisional loss and prepare for Sunday night’s visit to the New York Giants (2-3), who are coming off a win at Seattle.

Pittman Jr’s back injury adds new concern for Colts

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts are still in a holding pattern in awaiting the returns of quarterback Anthony Richardson and running back Jonathan Taylor. Now they’re also monitoring receiver Michael Pittman Jr.’s back injury, too.

A person with knowledge of the injury confirmed that it could keep Pittman off the field though it’s unclear for how long. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team has not yet announced details of the injury.

Pittman needs six catches to surpass Hall of Famer Lenny Moore for seventh in franchise history. Moore caught 363 passes. Pittman has 22 catches for 238 yards and one TD this year, his fifth season, after making 109 catches for 1,152 yards — both career highs — in 2023.

If he can’t play Sunday at Tennessee, the Colts could be without their starting quarterback, their best running back and their top receiver. Injuries again limited Richardson’s participation in Wednesday’s practice while Taylor again sat out — just like last week when both missed the game at Jacksonville.

“I feel way better compared to last week,” Richardson said before practice. “I was able to move a little better and able to get going, start running and throwing. So, feeling good about that.”

Coach Shane Steichen was short on details about the likely playing status of his starting quarterback and 2021 All-Pro running back, something that’s not expected to change until closer to game time.

While Richardson went through pregame warmups before he was deactivated, Taylor didn’t practice at all last week and was ruled out Friday.

“He’s working through it, he’s looking good, so we’ll see how the week goes with him,” Steichen said, refer-

ring to Taylor. “Hopeful that he’ll be out there. We’ll see.”

The same could be about Richardson, who walked around the locker room without a noticeable limp. Instead, Richardson was his usually upbeat self — even as he faces the possibility of missing his second straight game and the 15th of his two-year career. Naturally, he wants to play so he can dispel the notion he’s injury prone.

But after his limited work last week, the Colts (2-3) decided it would be too risky for Richardson to play because his injured right hip has hampered both his running and throwing.

“Little bit of both, honestly because of the rotation, getting my hips right,” Richardson said. “It’s just putting a lot of torque and stuff on my body. But I’d probably say both (aspects) with the same difficulty. But I’m feeling good with both now, so we’re just going to check it out.”

What Steichen didn’t say, though, was whether Indy’s growing injury list could impact decisions on either Richardson or Taylor against the Titans (1-3).

The stakes are already high for Indy, which is two games behind defending AFC South champion Houston and is already 0-2 in division play after losing to the Texans in the opener and at previously winless Jacksonville last week. The Colts also have lost three straight division games, going back to a playoff-eliminating loss in the 2023 regular-season finale, and are a meager 4-9-1 against the AFC South since 2022.

The good news for the Colts — Pro Bowl center Ryan Kelly could return from his neck injury after missing the past two games. He practiced Wednesday, the first time he’s worked out since initially appearing on the team’s injury report Sept. 26. Right tackle Braden Smith also missed practice Wednesday with knee and ankle injuries.

If Kelly doesn’t play, Indy would likely start two rook-

ies — center Tanor Bortolini, a fourth-round draft pick, and right guard Dalton Tucker, an undrafted rookie who replaced Will Fries during last week’s game. Fries was carted off the field and taken to a Jacksonville hospital where he had surgery on his lower right leg, a procedure that will likely end his season.

Pro Bowl cornerback Kenny Moore II has missed two straight games with a bad hip and starting defensive end Kwity Paye missed the Jaguars game with an injured quadricep. Moore and Paye both did limited work Wednesday.

The Colts also have three defensive starters on injured reserve — cornerback JuJu Brents (knee), All-Pro defensive tackle DeForest Buckner (ankle) and Samson Ebukam, Indy’s sacks leader in 2023 who suffered a torn Achilles tendon at training camp.

The result: Indy gave up 37 points and nearly 500 yards against a Jaguars offense that had been struggling. But Steichen refused to blame the poor performance on being short-handed.

“A lot of it too is fundamentals and technique, and it’s not just the defense. It’s all three phases,” Steichen said. “We’ve got to play with fundamentals, technique. We’ve got to be relentless in everything we do. That’s one of the pillars I believe in.”

And if Taylor and Richardson are out again Sunday, Steichen also believes running back Trey Sermon and 39-year-old Joe Flacco will be ready to step in yet again.

Flacco promises he’ll be ready — just as he was in Week 4 when he relieved Richardson and in Week 5 when he made his first start with the Colts.

“This week may be a little bit different than last week,” Flacco said, referring to practicing with the starters last week. “We’ll see how he (Richardson) feels when we go out there, but ultimately it’s the same mindset.”

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

- Southwestern’s Savannah Nussbaum and Shawe’s Bartosz Rychlicki have been named players of the week by the Ohio River Valley Conference.
- Nussbaum medaled in the Nike

Twilight event at Terre Haute on Friday with a time of 20:08 to earn the award in girls cross country.

- Rychlicki earned the award in boys soccer with six goals in two matches.

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Bengals, Bills coaching strategies highlight NFL’s topsy-turvy Week 5

BY ARNIE STAPLETON
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

If only Zac Taylor and Sean McDermott could have swapped end-of-game strategies, the teetering Cincinnati Bengals and Buffalo Bills might have avoided their big belflops in the NFL’s topsy-turvy Week 5.

Taylor called three straight runs that ultimately doomed Cincy (1-4) and McDermott dialed up three straight passes that basically did in Buffalo (3-2).

Joe Burrow and Lamar Jackson put on an electric quarterback duel in Cincinnati, combining for 740 yards passing and nine touchdown throws.

The Ravens were driving for a potential winning touchdown in overtime when Jackson fumbled the snap and Cincinnati’s Germaine Pratt recovered all the way back at the Ravens’ 38.

That was already safely in kicker Evan McPherson’s range. He’d nailed his last three field goal attempts from 50 or more yards and had made his last 14 tries in the fourth quarter or overtime.

So, Taylor played it safe and had Joe Burrow hand off three times to Chase Brown rather than have Burrow keep throwing.

He’d already thrown for 392 yards and a career-high five touchdowns, including two each to Ja’Marr Chase and Tee Higgins.

Chase led the Bengals with 10 catches for 193 yards, and Higgins had nine grabs for 83 yards and both faced single coverage on the Bengals’ final series.

Even though 50-yarders have become routine in the NFL, a lot can go wrong on a long field-goal attempt, and after the Bengals ran three times into Baltimore’s wall of defenders for 3 yards, McPherson, known as “Money Mac” for his accuracy, lined up for a 53-yard try that sailed wide left after holder Ryan Rehkow mishandled the snap.

Baltimore took over on its own 43. On the next play, Derrick Henry, who had been bottled up all afternoon with just 41 yards on 14 carries, rumbled 51 yards down to the Bengals 6 and Justin Tucker chipped in the 24-yarder for the 41-38 win.

Burrow defended Taylor’s conservative approach.

“I’m not going to second-guess that,” Burrow said. “We’re in field-goal

range. Yes, you want to get yards to make it easier on him. As good as their rush is, you always take a chance at getting sacked in that situation.”

Which, coincidentally, is one reason Bills fans were miffed when McDermott called for three passes when they got the ball at their own 3 with 32 seconds left rather than handing off three times and draining the Texans of their three timeouts.

Unlike Burrow, Josh Allen was having an awful day — he completed just 9 of 30 passes for 131 yards and misfired on his final eight throws.

As the broadcast crew noted, the Bills were risking a safety for a hold by throwing out of their end zone three times and again on fourth down when Sam Martin booted a 56-yard punt just inches from the back of the end zone.

It was returned 13 yards to the Bills’ 46, and Houston had seven seconds and all of their timeouts left. While Allen and the Bills prepared for overtime on the sideline, C.J. Stroud hit a quick 5-yard pass to running back Dare Ogunbowale and called timeout with 2 seconds remaining.

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Liberty, Lynx both chasing history in WNBA Finals

BY DOUG FEINBERG
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

NEW YORK — The New York Liberty and the Minnesota Lynx both have a shot to make history when the teams meet in the WNBA Finals.

The Liberty are looking for the franchise's first championship while the Lynx are vying for a record fifth. They were the best two teams during the regular season, finishing in the top spots in the standings.

New York is back in the finals for the second consecutive season and is hoping to erase the scar of losing to the Las Vegas Aces in 2023. Minnesota is making its first appearance in the championship round since 2017, when

the team won its fourth title in a seven-year span.

“We learned from our experience I think that’s a part of the journey,” New York coach Sandy Brondello said. “It motivated us to be better.”

Game 1 was Thursday night. The Liberty built a super team last year by adding Breanna Stewart, Jonquel Jones and Courtney Vandersloot to Sabrina Ionescu and Betnijah Laney-Hamilton. The team fell short in the finals, losing to Las Vegas in four games. Now in the second year of this group, the squad is more cohesive on and off the court.

Stewart and Vandersloot have already won titles in Seattle and Chicago and would love

to bring New York its first.

While the Liberty were expected back in the championship round, Minnesota made the biggest strides in the off-season, going from 19-21 last season to 30-10 this year. The Lynx are led by WNBA MVP runner-up and Defensive Player of the Year Napheesa Collier. She raised her level of play this season and had help on the offensive end with the addition of guard Courtney Williams.

Williams has been to the Finals before, doing so with Connecticut in 2019 and 2022. The Sun lost both times.

“It’s exciting, this is what you play for, to be on that stage,” she said. “Ready for the moment and excited to get it done.”

Besides Williams and guard Natisha Hiedeman, the Lynx don’t have much playoff experience. Hiedeman was also with Connecticut in the finals runs in 2019 and 2022.

Collier became the first player in WNBA history to have at least 25 points and 10 rebounds in three straight postseason games when she had 27 and 11 in the decisive Game 5 win over Connecticut on Tuesday night.

“What makes Phee special is the consistency and the way she shows up every single day,” Minnesota coach Cheryl Reeve said. “Her work ethic, demeanor. She’s improved every season. Every game it’s more than scoring how she helps our team. ... When Phee plays like

the MVP we’re a hard team to beat.”

New York struggled against Minnesota this year, losing two of the three regular-season meetings and the Commissioner’s Cup championship game.

The Liberty had to go on the road for the first two games last year in the Finals and having home court advantage this time around is huge.

“Being on the other side of it last year knowing how hard it was to go on the road for the first two of the finals with an opposing crowd and try to steal a win and not be able to,” Ionescu said.

“I think we all understand that we’ll have the whole city behind us, cheering us on.”

Nadal gave his all until he couldn’t anymore and had to retire

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
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Rafael Nadal’s tennis career will be remembered because of the numbers, yes — the 14 French Open trophies, the 22 Grand Slam titles overall, the nearly two decades in the top 10, and so on — and, without a doubt, because of his riveting rivalries with Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic.

Also, indelibly, because of the all-out effort and energy Nadal brought to the court every time. So long, that is, as his body allowed. His style of play was so rig-

orous and unforgiving that it contributed to a series of injuries over the years (even his Roland Garros debut as a teen was delayed 12 months, and his last triumph there came thanks only to painkilling injections).

Perhaps not surprisingly, it was his health that eventually forced Nadal to announce his retirement on Thursday after competing only sparingly the past two seasons. If anything, it is remarkable that he lasted as long as he did; the 38-year-old Nadal said his farewell

will come next month when he represents Spain in the Davis Cup finals.

“Really, everything I have experienced has been a dream come true,” Nadal said in a video posted on social media that included a montage of clips from his career, including handshakes at the net after matches against Federer and Djokovic, the other members of the so-called Big Three of men’s tennis. “I leave with the absolute peace of mind of having given my best.”

Before Nadal begins

speaking in the video, he takes a deep breath and exhales, as if signifying just how difficult it was for him to make this inevitable decision public and real.

His exit follows that of Federer, who left the game at age 41 in 2022 after 20 Grand Slam titles and plenty of remarkable on-court contests against Nadal, none more noteworthy than their 2008 Wimbledon final. Nadal won that one, 9-7 in the fifth set amidst the dying evening light, part of the left-hander’s supremacy head-to-head. Nadal and

Djokovic, who is 37 and still on tour with 24 major championships, met more times than any other two men in the Open era (60; Djokovic went 31-29), and their lung-searing, court-covering, mirror-image relentlessness was something to behold.

“Your tenacity, dedication, fighting spirit is going to be taught for decades. Your legacy will live forever. Only you know what you had to endure to become an icon of tennis and sport in general,” Djokovic wrote on social media, aptly capturing Nadal’s essence. “Thank you for

pushing me to the very limit so many times in our rivalry that has impacted me the most as a player.”

Djokovic promised to be in Malaga, Spain, to see Nadal’s “adios” in Davis Cup.

Wouldn’t be surprising if Federer is there, too, as a spectator. After all, Nadal was there for Federer’s last match: They teamed together in doubles at the Laver Cup, and who could forget the image of the two of them sitting side-by-side afterward, holding hands while tears flowed for both.

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Big Ten a landing zone for transfer quarterbacks

BY TOM CANAVAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Bret Bielema was at the forefront of the graduate transfer game in 2011 when the NCAA passed a new rule that allowed athletes in all sports to transfer and gain immediate eligibility without a waiver as long as they were enrolled in graduate school.

Needing a quarterback at Wisconsin because of an unexpected illness to Jon Budmayr and an ACL injury to his backup, Bielema and the Badgers found future NFL player Russell Wilson looking for a new home.

Russell was going to return to NC State for a graduate year, but he also wanted to play baseball. He was a fourth-round pick of the Colorado Rockies and spent two seasons in the minors. He missed spring camp in 2011 and Wolfpack coach Tom O'Brien said he could return but not as a starter. So he transferred to Wisconsin and had a monster season, leading the Badgers and Bielema to an 11-3 record and a Rose Bowl berth.

Much has changed in the last 13 years. Bielema left Wisconsin, went to Arkansas for five years, worked in the NFL for three years and then became the head coach at Illinois in 2021. Budmayr recovered and is now the wide receivers coach at Iowa.

That's not all that changed. So has the transfer rule. It's open to everyone. Looking for more playing time, unhappy where they're at, there's always the portal.

The Big Ten has become a landing zone for quarterbacks on the move. When this season opened, 14 of the 18 teams in the expanded conference had transfer

quarterbacks starting. The expectations at the time were Drew Allar at No. 4 Penn State, Davis Warren at No. 24 Michigan, Miller Moss at Southern California and freshman Dylan Raiola at Nebraska.

Warren has been replaced twice with transfer Jack Tuttle expected to start their next game on Oct. 19.

No. 2 Ohio State is led by Will Howard (Kansas State). No. 3 Oregon has Dillon Gabriel (Central Florida, Oklahoma). No. 18 Indiana has Kurtis Rourke (Ohio) and Bielema and No. 23 Illinois have Luke Altmyer (Mississippi).

The days of wooing a high school quarterback, signing him to a national letter of intent and then having him around for five years have declined drastically.

“So I think the definition of what we think is normal is now gone,” Bielema said last week. “The new normal is to be able to get a quarterback that you need to play right now.”

That's what Greg Schiano did at Rutgers in starting his second stint with Scarlet Knights in 2020. He got Nebraska transfer Noah Vedral for a couple of years and now has Athan Kaliakmanis from Minnesota. Neither was considered a superstar but both fit into his team-first culture.

“O-Line and quarterback are the hardest positions,” said Schiano, whose Scarlet Knights are off to a 4-1 start. “So if you can look at it, this guy's already done it at this level or a level like ours, it really decreases your kind of miss rate and it increases your hit rate.”

Wisconsin coach Luke Fickell, whose team faces Rutgers this weekend in New Jersey, said a

big reason for the influx of transfer quarterbacks is the number of coaching changes in the conference. Nine of the coaches have been hired since 2023, the year Fickell went from Cincinnati to the Badgers.

“I don't know that it's going away,” Fickell said. “I think this position in particular, everybody understands and knows that in football — I don't care if it's college football, NFL football, high school football — the quarterback position is critical in everything that we do. There's not many teams today that can get by without having a guy at that position who can make plays and run an offense.”

Wisconsin started the season with Miami transfer Tyler Van Dyke, who was hurt in a loss to Alabama. He has been replaced by Braedyn Locke, a Mississippi State transfer.

In taking over the job at Indiana, new coach Curt Cignetti brought along 13 players and 12 coaches and support from his 2023 team at James Madison.

He also added Rourke, the Mid-American Conference offensive player of the year.

He leads the Big Ten with 1,752 yards passing, 14 TDs and two interceptions. The Hoosiers are 6-0.

With the transferring, there are some players who are content to stay put. Allar wanted stability and he saw that in choosing the Nittany Lions, who had just given coach James Franklin a new 10-year contract the summer before his senior year in high school.

New manager Francona says Cincinnati Reds job ‘just felt right’

BY MITCH STACY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Give Hall of Fame broadcaster Marty Brennaman an assist in putting Cincinnati Reds officials together with Terry Francona, the man who would become the team's new manager.

After manager David Bell was fired late in the season, the 82-year-old Brennaman called Francona to urge his longtime friend to at least take a look at the Reds job.

Francona, 65, had stepped down as manager of the Cleveland Guardians after the 2023 season, citing health reasons among others.

“He and I have a great friendship, and I've always respected the fact that he's truly one of the best managers I've ever been around,” said Brennaman, who was the Reds play-by-play man from 1974 to 2019. “I just felt like it was important for me as a friend to call him and say, you want to come back?”

Francona told him he'd be open to listening to what the Reds had to say. So team officials visited him at home in Arizona, and it didn't take long to lure the baseball lifer back to the ballpark.

“Marty, can you believe I'm standing here?” a smiling Francona asked the famed broadcaster when he stepped to the podium Monday to be officially introduced as the Reds' new field boss.

Francona said he's rested, healthy and has the stamina to take on the grind of a long baseball season again.

“When the Reds

reached out, I started looking at the team a little more closely, and they came out to visit and it just felt right,” Francona said. “And it felt right from pretty close to the beginning of the meeting.”

Francona, who was an outfielder for the Reds under manager Pete Rose in 1987, replaces Bell, who was fired in the final days of his sixth season after compiling a 409-456 record. Francona has agreed to a three-year contract through the 2027 season with a club option for 2028.

Known as Tito, Francona comes to Cincinnati as one of baseball's most beloved managers. He has a 1,950-1,672 record in 23 years as a big-league manager with Philadelphia (1997-2000), the Red Sox (2004-2011) and the Guardians (2013-2023). He took Cleveland to the playoffs seven times in his 11 seasons and won 921 games.

He was slowed by serious medical issues in his final years in Cleveland but stayed clear of calling his departure a retirement.

“I honestly didn't see myself managing again,” Francona said. “I had a really good year away from the game. I needed to step away. I didn't love the game. I stepped away because I didn't think I was doing the job up to the caliber I thought was necessary. A lot of it was health, and it was getting in the way.”

Francona was feeling good again when he was visited by Reds president of baseball oper-

ations Nick Krall and general manager Brad Meador.

By the time the meeting was over, Francona was ready to put on his uniform right then and there.

“I firmly believe players enjoy being coached as long as there's a solid reason and that you're also organized, and that we will be,” Francona said.

“My promise to the organization and to the fans is that I'll spend all my energy ensuring that (players) spend all their energy trying to play the game right and with respect,” he said.

“One of my biggest goals is that our players feel like they're cared for more than ever before but at the same time asking more of them on the field than has ever been done before.”

The Reds went 77-85 this season, but they have one of the game's most dynamic players in Elly De La Cruz and a potentially deep rotation fronted by Hunter Greene.

Francona said he has already reached out to all of his players to introduce himself.

“I think he's great with young players,” Brennaman said.

“He's so self-deprecating that you are automatically drawn to him because he doesn't take himself overly serious. At the same time, he's honest. He's not going to put up with anything less than what he thinks you are capable of doing. But he delivers that message in such a way that nobody is going to be offended. What you see is what you get.”



LEGAL NOTICE

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

DLC#:G181-145
STATE OF INDIANA IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
SS: COUNTY OF JEFFERSON CAUSE NO.: 39C01-24
07-MF-000625

MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF RONALD MARC MOWERY, DECEASED, OCCUPANT(S) OF 18 S MAIN CROSS ST, HANOVER, IN 47243, STATE OF INDIANA THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, MARINER FINANCE LLC SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO PERSONAL FINANCE COMPANY LLC, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND LVNV FUNDING LLC, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned: You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint on Note and for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described real estate:

Part of Lot No. 1, Southwest Addition to the Town of Hanover, to-wit: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot; thence North 60 feet; thence West 85 feet; thence South 60 feet; thence East 85 feet to the place of beginning.

And Commonly known as: **18 S Main Cross St, Hanover, IN 47243**

This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are known to me: **Occupant(s) of 18 S Main Cross St, Hanover, IN 47243, State of Indiana through its Department of Revenue, Mariner Finance LLC successor in interest to Personal Finance Company LLC, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and LVNV Funding LLC**

This Summons by Publication is also specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are unknown to me:

The Unknown Heirs at Law of Ronald Marc Mowery, Deceased

In addition to the above named Defendants served by this Summons, there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.


If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 10th day of November 2024 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

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By: */s/ Scott A. Hale*
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/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Jefferson County Circuit Court

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COURT
SS: COUNTY OF JEFFERSON CAUSE NO.: 39C01-24
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR: 09-MI-000912
Wyatt Allen Kraig Phillips.
Meaghan Geyman, Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Meaghan Geyman, as a self-represented litigant, filed a *Verified Petition for Change of Name* on 9/26/24 to change the name of Wyatt Allen Kraig Phillips to Wyatt Allen Kraig Geyman.

The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Jefferson Circuit Court on 11/20/2024 @ 11:00AM, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.

Dated: 9/26/24
/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk, Circuit Court

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Historic District Board of Review Legal Notice
MEETING DATE: October 28, 2024, at 5:30 PM
MEETING PLACE: Madison City Hall, 101 W. Main Street Madison, IN 47250

A. Roll Call
B. Approval of Minutes
C. Review of Applications
• Duane and Sheryle Raab - C. of A. to tear down current garage and replace with a new one.
Location: 117/119 St. Michaels Ave.
Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
• Mark and Patricia Dare – C. of A. to add shutters to front window and stained glass above front door.
Location: 318 E. First St.
Zoned: Central Business District (CBD)
• Shane Calkin – C. of A. to replace the garage.
Location: 1300 W. Second St.
Zoned: R-8 Residential Medium Density (R-8)
• Herschel Brichio – C. of A. to build a new residence on the empty lot at 116 Elm St.
Location: 116 Elm St.
Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
• Trevor Templeton – C. of A. to change pitch of roof on rear of house and add deck to connect to front porch from rear.
Location: 1030 East St.
Zoned: R-8 Residential Medium Density (R-8)
• David Carlow – C. of A. to demolish unsafe garage structure and replace with new garage on same footprint.
Location: 747 W Main St.
Zoned: SD – Specialty District (SD)
D. New/Old Business
E. Staff Report
F. Adjournment
G. Next Meeting: Monday, November 25, 2024, at 5:30 PM

For the purpose of hearing those who are for or against said applications, a public hearing will be held on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250.

This agenda is in DRAFT FORM. Open Door Law does not prohibit the public agency from changing or adding to its agenda during the meeting. As per Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for affective communication, should contact the Office of Planning, Preservation, & Design at 812-265-8324 as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT BOARD OF REVIEW
Brenna Haley,
Historic Preservationist

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The Town of Hanover is seeking an Ordinance Officer/Building Inspector-Part-time, 20 hours per week. This position will perform a variety of duties related to public service, complaints, enforcement of codes and ordinances, and perform routine field investigations and direct problem solving, issue building permits and inspect buildings for compliance of building codes, plus other duties. Applicants must have a valid driver's license; good driving record and be able to communicate effectively with individuals. Must be able to pass a drug and background check. To apply please pick up an application at Hanover Town Hall, 11 N. Madison Avenue, Hanover, IN 47243. Or call (812)866-2131 ext. 201 or 202. (The Town of Hanover is an Equal Opportunity Employer)

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Hanover Presbyterian Church is in search of an experienced cemetery supervisor for the church cemetery, which is in Hanover Indiana, near Logan's Point. The position will be 10 hours a week, \$20 per hour, and duties include, administrative record keeping, working with local funeral homes, sales, and the supervision of groundskeeping. The candidate must have a sensitivity and care for Hanover Presbyterian Church's polity, culture, and mission. If interested, send a letter of interest and resumé to hpctestaff@hanoverpres.com by October 18.

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AP Top 25 Football

Texas returns to No. 1, Bama falls to No. 7 after upset reshuffling

BY ERIC OLSON
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

It was a week of upheaval in The Associated Press college football poll, with Texas returning to No. 1 on Sunday after a one-week absence following Vanderbilt’s monumental upset of Alabama.

The Commodores’ win as more than three-touchdown underdogs caused the Crimson Tide to drop from No. 1 to No. 7. The last top-ranked team to fall so far was Ohio State, which plunged to No. 11 in 2010 following an October loss to Wisconsin.

Texas, which had an open date, received 52 out of 61 first-place votes and became the first team in two years to bounce in and out of the top spot in a span of three polls. The Longhorns also were just the third team since 2008 to be voted No. 1 after not playing the day before.

Ohio State beat Iowa for its fourth straight easy win, received nine first-place votes and moved up a spot to No. 2.

Oregon and Penn State each rose three spots, with the Ducks up to No. 3 and the Nittany Lions fourth. Georgia remained No. 5.

Miami, which came back from a 25-point second-half deficit to beat California 39-38, rose two spots to No. 6.

The mayhem wasn’t limited to Alabama.

Six of the 18 AP Top 25 teams that played lost to unranked opponents (33%), the highest mark since six of 16 (38%) lost the first week of October 2020.

The Tide were among four teams in the top 11 to lose to unranked opponents — the first time that’s happened since Nov. 12, 2016, when five teams did it, according to Sportradar.

Tennessee lost to Arkansas and went from No. 4 to No. 8. Michigan lost at Washington and went from No. 10 to No. 24. Southern California lost at Minnesota and went from No. 11 to out of the Top 25. The Trojans were first among teams also receiving votes.

Texas A&M soundly beat Missouri at home in the only Top 25 matchup. That earned the Aggies a promotion from a tie for No. 25 to No. 15 and the Tigers a demotion from No. 9 to No. 21.

POLL POINTS

The Big Ten dominates the top five, but the Southeastern Conference maintains its grip on the top 10. No. 2 Ohio State, No. 3 Oregon and No. 4

Penn State are bookended by the SEC’s Texas and Georgia. The SEC also has Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi in the top 10.

Double-digit drops by Missouri, Michigan and USC mark the first time since Nov. 13, 2016, that three teams fell 10 or more spots in the same poll. That week it happened to Auburn (8 to 18), Texas A&M (10 to 23) and North Carolina (15 to receiving votes).

The biggest upward movers were Texas A&M (25 to 15), Clemson (15 to 10) and Iowa State (16 to 11).

IN-AND-OUT

SMU (5-1) was rewarded for knocking off Louisville on the road and enters the rankings at No. 25. The Mustangs have appeared in the Top 25 all but one season (2022) since 2019. Louisville (3-2) has lost two of three and dropped out.

Pittsburgh won at North Carolina to start 5-0 for the first time since 1991 and enters the rankings at No. 22 for its first appearance in two years.

USC (3-2) has lost two of its first three Big Ten games and is out, as is UNLV, whose first-ever Top 25 appearance was spoiled by an overtime home loss to Syracuse.

CONFERENCE CALL

SEC — 9 (Nos. 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15, T-18, 21).

Big Ten — 6 (Nos. 2, 3, 4, T-18, 23, 24).

Big 12 — 4 (Nos. T-11, 14, 16, T-18).

ACC — 4 (Nos. 6, 10, 22, 25).

Mountain West — 1 (No. 17).

Independent — 1 (No. 11).

RANKED VS. RANKED

— No. 1 Texas vs. No. 18 Oklahoma, at Dallas. It’s their first head-to-head SEC meeting, and it’s a Top 25 matchup for the sixth time in eight games. Sooners scored with 15 seconds left last year to hand Texas its only regular-season loss. Both teams are coming off open dates.

— No. 2 Ohio State at No. 3 Oregon. Entering the season, this was billed as a midseason preview of the Big Ten championship game. It still could be. The Buckeyes have won nine of 10 previous meetings, the only loss coming in the most recent one (2021).

— No. 9 Mississippi at No. 13 LSU. Huge College Football Playoff implications here. Rebels’ Jaxson Dart prevailed 55-49 last year in a dizzying matchup with Heisman winner Jayden Daniels.

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41	WDRB	8	9	(4:00) College Football	Extra		College Football Iowa State at West Virginia (N) (Live)								
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FX		40	28	(5:30) * Maleficent: Mistress of Evil				*** Cruella ('21) Emma Thompson, Emma Stone.					Movie		
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PARMT		35	41	(4:00) * Longest ...				*** The Longest Yard ('05)				*** We're the Millers ('13)			
PARSHO		221	16	(5:00) * Bad Beh...		*** Divergent ('14) Shailene Woodley.								* Divergent Series: Insurgent	
TMC		233	74	(:15) *** Rocky Balboa ('06)				*** Casino Royale ('06) Daniel Craig.				* Eastern Pro...			
TNT		27	43	(5:30) *** Captain Marvel ('19)				Pregame (N)		M. Friendlies				Postga..	
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ESPN	32	44		NBA Basketball					Basketball Phoenix Suns at Denver Nuggets					SportC..
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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle

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ACROSS

1 Love-letter acronym: Abbr.

5 Do as told

9 Gem weight unit

14 Leafy green

15 Part

16 Garden statue

17 Archipelago part

18 Perseverance

19 "Let's do this!": 2 wds.

20 "Not so fast!": 2 wds.

23 German "one"

24 Enter: 2 wds.

25 "Navel" fruit

27 Going across

31 Mob informant

32 Not inside

33 Whale's home

34 City's subway system

38 Shapeless mass

40 Sheds feathers

43 Wet weather

44 Bender

46 Back muscle, for short

47 LP measurement: Abbr.

48 Boater or fedora

50 Traveling bag

53 Bonus performance

56 1982 sci-fi film

57 College official

58 Connected (with)

64 Nintendo fan, e.g.

66 Allergic reaction

67 Ancient letter

68 Renée ___

69 Goldsberry

70 Messy person

71 Takes a breather

72 Slices of history

73 Compass direction

DOWN

1 Comedy sketch

2 Do laundry

3 Crocodile relative

4 Fond of: 2 wds.

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Today's Puzzle Solved

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45 Hearing organ

49 Hot beverage

51 Prefix with "angle"

52 Lacking refinement

53 Lawn trimming tool

54 Zora ___ Hurston

55 Strappy tops, for short

59 Entree go-with

60 Constellation part

61 Prefix that means "eight"

62 Seth's son

63 Amount to repay

65 In medias ___

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ACROSS

1 Go the distance

5 Run after

10 One-pot meal

14 Inquires

15 Hank of baseball

16 Algebra and arithmetic

17 Hoodie, e.g.

19 Feel sore

20 Noticed

21 "I get it!"

22 Hunting dog type

24 At a discount: 2 wds.

26 Unsettle

27 One on an Olympic podium

31 Applies sloppily

34 Lion's home

35 Green starter dish

40 Go up

41 "___ overboard!"

42 Impartial

43 Planetary shadow

45 "___ never heard of him"

46 Narrative

47 Well-read

50 Portugal's capital

54 Handbags

58 Egg breakfast dishes

60 Moral crime

61 Actress Dennings

62 Spelunking locale

63 Hawaii's nickname: 2 wds.

66 Gets older

67 Hue

68 Agenda part

69 Glasses part

70 Stuffed bear

71 Writing tools

DOWN

1 Catch with a rope

2 Nile dam

3 Misrepresents

4 Airport security team: Abbr.

5 Redeemed, as a check

6 "That's funny!": 2 wds.

7 Director Aster

8 Type

9 Keys in

10 Intelligent

11 Meant but unspoken

12 Merman of Broadway

13 "___ were we?"

18 Narratives

23 Lab animals

25 Deep yellow

28 Let in

29 Abandon

30 ___ circle (closest friends)

31 R&B band ___ Hill

32 Intend

33 Computer port type: Abbr.

36 Subsequently

37 Asian language

38 What we breathe

39 Lacking moisture

44 Moisturizing ingredient

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46 Wows

48 Still in one piece

49 Beekeeping locale

50 From the area

51 Visual

52 Common dice roll

53 Sanctify

55 Rink footwear

56 Consumed

57 Flower supports

59 ___ gin fizz

60 Not barefoot

64 Ancient

65 Helpful hint

Husband doesn't approve of wife's lifesaving friends

Dear Eric: Mid-pandemic, my family and I moved to my husband's hometown, hundreds of miles from our old city. It was a difficult transition for me. I am a stay-at-home mom, and the opportunities to meet people were limited because of the pandemic.

However, about a year ago, I met two other moms with young children in the neighborhood. We became very close and now spend two to three days together every week — at the library, playground or each other's houses.

Meeting them was truly a lifesaver, giving myself and my children opportunities to socialize and pulling me out of my loneliness and depression.

However, my husband does not approve of these new friendships. He has come up with every excuse why we shouldn't spend time together — their children misbehave and are a bad influence on our children (they act typical for their age, like a 2-year-old throwing a tantrum); they make a mess of our house (which our children also do, with or without them); and their husbands have ill intentions toward me (which is absurd).

He even went so far as to ask his friend to come supervise when one of my

friend's husbands picked their kids up from our house when she was not there. I love my husband and want to have a happy and harmonious home. However, I value these friendships greatly and believe they make me a happier person and therefore a better mother and wife.

— Finally Have Friends

Dear Finally: Your husband must not have much going on at work, because minding your business seems like a full-time job. This isn't right. He's acting out a very misplaced feeling of insecurity, and until he works on that, I doubt any friendship you have is going to pass his quixotic standards.

Tell it to him straight: It's important for me to have friends. Without them, I struggle with depression and loneliness. I know that you want the best for me and for our kids, so you need to tell me what this is really about.

He may not have a good answer. Again, that's his work to do. The end of the conversation should be: These are the friends that bring me happiness. Is my happiness important to you? If so, I need you to support me in this. And then don't entertain any further complaints. This doesn't need to be debated. If he's not supportive of your happiness, that's a bigger problem. But I hope he's willing to do the work.

R. ERIC THOMAS
ASKING ERIC

Readers respond to letter-writer who swore off dating

Dear Readers: A letter-writer, "Single By Choice," asked for advice relating to his choice to swear off dating after an erectile dysfunction diagnosis. Many responses poured in. What struck me about every single one of the responses was how empathetic and solution-focused they were. I'm sharing a few of the replies in hopes that they inspire a new way of thinking for the letter-writer and for anyone else in this position.

Dear Eric: I am a single woman in her early 60s. Not all of us need to have sexual intercourse to be in a romantic relationship. For one reason or another, sexual intercourse has been taken from some of us. We are able to still hold hands, cuddle, kiss and become best friends. We do this like any relationship — getting to know one another by talking, learning about each other's interests and dislikes, etc.

— Companionship Takes Work

Dear Companionship: You're right: intimacy is a whole-relationship and whole-body exercise.

Dear Eric: I wish "Single By Choice" knew how many women would be happy to have a man friend, a sweetheart even, who did not expect penetrative sex. For

R. ERIC THOMAS
ASKING ERIC

so many postmenopausal women, coitus is not comfortable. But loving feelings can be expressed in so many delightful ways without it. I understand it's not easy to tell the lady about one's capacities for sexual expression, but give us a chance. Perhaps we will be relieved. If not, a lady can continue to look for her knight in shining armor elsewhere, and Single By Choice will perhaps have made a friend.

— It's OK With Me

Dear OK: I love that you've highlighted the chance for platonic relationships to come out of potential romantic ones. So important.

Dear Eric: Without being graphic, there are so many ways to share intimacy without intercourse. My husband and I researched all the data, we went to lectures and he endured shots. We decided that our physical relationship was just fine as it was, thank you. Your advice was spot-on, though. There are plenty of women who crave affection and intimacy, and ED would not be a dealbreaker.

— A Much-Loved Woman

Dear Much-Loved: So wonderful that you and your husband took this journey together.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You could be discouraged by things not working out but keep going to maintain momentum. Consider relying on trusted companions rather than strangers. You might worry that someone's loyalty will waver but only time will tell.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Let another expert take the lead while you spend time exploring original concepts. Putting your trust in your support system may surprise you. Organizing a spontaneous gathering of loved ones could offer the support you need.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Roles can be redefined, so consider embracing new opportunities that come your way. Divine wisdom might inspire your plans and give you the extra push to stretch your wings further than usual. Lean into your inner knowing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Play to your strengths. You could achieve peace and tranquility if you refuse to allow other people and outside circumstances to affect your emotions. Rather than reacting, decide to respond in a positive and empowering manner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Advice is like gold, and it's far more valuable when used than when kept hidden. This could be a nice time to make plans, seek wise guidance, or develop new strategies for long-term goals. Some healthy competition might be invigorating.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't jump to conclusions, but don't be overly trusting either. Slow and steady growth may be the key to achieving long-term success and security. Consider listening to well-educated advisors to attempt to minimize future mistakes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Be direct and aim for success. It may be helpful to hold a meeting to address any obvious flaws and problems. Bring issues into the open before they escalate and consider using the feedback to craft a plan of action for future improvements.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Trust your intuition and stay open to new insights and fresh perspectives that may come into play. Someone who sometimes seems unpredictable could turn out to be steady as a rock and might help balance out your own fight or flight tendencies.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — When people trust you, respect your judgment, and have confidence in your abilities they may expect more from you than others. Be cautious if someone tries to push extra responsibilities your way. It's okay to say no.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Compromise should benefit everyone, not leave someone with the short end of the stick. Consider what you are asking for before you push too hard to make it happen. Making modifications could be better than getting nothing at all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Add some sweetness and excitement to your schedule. You may have a deep and powerful need that could attract help just when you need it most. If you make a promise or commitment, be sure to keep it so that things run smoothly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Tie up all the loose ends. Ensure that new agreements about projects and tasks are well-structured before you pass the baton. Consider connecting with a trustworthy and reliable acquaintance to offer useful guidance when needed.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Shake off any negativity that's been weighing you down. Consider going out and about in public places or attending events where your friendly social instincts can shine. Your charm may help you feel comfortable sharing your ideas.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Remember, there's more to life than material possessions. A special someone might be waiting patiently for you, but you'll need to make the effort to connect with them. Avoid unnecessary confrontations and disagreements that lead nowhere.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be prepared to widen your horizons by diving into new projects, exploring creative ideas, or enjoying budding romances, if single. Someone in close connection could appreciate your mindful nature, positive attitude, and open-mindedness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't use your energy on things that fall outside of what truly matters to you. Consider pausing negotiations for now but prepare to seize an ideal opportunity if it arises. The most valuable lessons can often learned with minimal effort and cost.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It might be good to find a distraction to keep yourself busy without adding more pressure. Think of all the hobbies you may have forgotten when life became more stressful and demanding. Rediscover the relaxation and delight of pastimes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You can only be in your integrity if you consistently act honorably towards others. Evaluate your actions and promises based on what is entirely right and fair for all. It may be wise to stop impulsive spending habits to make better financial choices.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Consider putting the final touches on a project today rather than waiting, then you might ask for input and feedback from someone you respect to guide your choices. Be mindful of your expressions, keep your temper in check and avoid risky activities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Less is more. It may be best to tone down flashy overspending and use a common-sense approach when there are demands on your generosity. Someone close to you might not fulfill a commitment or could put you in an awkward position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Immerse yourself in studying human nature and absorb all you can. Your friends might choose you as a mediator due to your boundless enthusiasm, cheerful outlook, and spot-on insights. Your inner peace may overflow onto others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — One disagreement should not be enough to disrupt a strong and worthwhile relationship. You might feel like today is a good day for a personal or professional breakup, but you could soon change your mind and want to reconcile later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Give yourself a chance to explore all the possibilities - consider finding a worthy destination and making the journey in style. You may want to dive into creative passion projects that deeply reflect who you are and your beliefs.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You might have some good ideas for managing joint resources. This may not be the time to jump off the deep end and take risks. Consider seeking a second opinion from a trustworthy and objective source when making a significant purchase.

MADISON

FROM PAGE B1

Kadyn Riley and Holiver Velasquez-Gabriel.

“This group of seniors has won 55 games. In the four years prior, it was fewer than 20. We had an undefeated regular season in there, had a sectional championship in there. It’s gonna be very difficult to lose that group,” David Todd said. “But we’re deep. We’ve got 33 kids on our team, and we had a winning JV team. So you know, the future is definitely bright for Switzerland County. But it’s going to be tough to lose those guys.”

Both teams picked up wins in the opening round on Monday with Switzerland beating Batesville 1-0 and Madison hammering Franklin County 8-3.

Switzerland’s only goal in the win over Batesville was on an own goal in the 32nd minute. Grant Hall attempted a pass in the box to Ezra Dayadharum that was deflected by the defense allowing an own goal to score.

No details on Madison’s game were available.

Madison turns its attention to the championship match on Saturday evening where the Cubs will play Lawrenceburg, a 1-0 winner over South Dearborn in the other semifinal. Madison beat Lawrenceburg 5-1 earlier in the season but Boekeloo knows his team won’t be complacent.

“We knew coming into this, that this semifinal was just gonna be an absolute dog fight. That’s a really good team over there,” Boekeloo said. “Now it’s time to get healthy and just get our boys back to doing what we do.”



David Campbell

Shawe’s Gus Grote celebrates after scoring a goal in the Hilltoppers’ 9-0 win over Austin in the boys soccer sectional at Southwestern (Shelby) on Monday.

SHAWE

FROM PAGE B1

8-0 at the half and scored early in the second half to end the game on the mercy rule.

Six different players scored for the Hilltoppers with Grote getting three goals and an assist, Rychlicki two goals and an assist, Reyes-Miranda a goal and three assists, Garcia a goal and an assist, Hill and Dylan Fitzpatrick each scored a goal and Mauro Felix had two assists.

“I told the guys, (Austin is) not the strongest team, and that we’ve had a very successful season. I believe that we would come through and take control the game, which we did,” Shawe coach Patrick Bear said. “We assisted on eight of the nine goals, which, in my opinion, is pretty unheard of, especially when one was a PK, so it couldn’t be physically assisted. So I think that’s pretty astounding on our part, and our guys played so unselfish. We had three goals, two goals, one goal, one goal, one goal, one goal. So sharing the rock and just playing as a team with one goal is what we did tonight.”

The stage is now set for a championship match in Shelbyville on Saturday at 7 p.m. between county rivals Shawe (13-4-1) and Southwestern (9-7-1). Shawe won both of their matches during the regular season but the Hilltoppers have not won a sectional title since 2015. Southwestern has won two of the last three sectional crowns and reached the regional finals a year ago.

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